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## Former GMS teacher pleads guilty as charged

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A jury trial set for later this month will not take place, as former Grayling Middle School teacher, Kathryn Anne Olson, pled guilty as charged to making a bomb threat last March 11.

Accompanied by her attorney, Thomas Plachta, Olson pled guilty on March 3 before Chief Judge Alton T. Davis in 46th Circuit Trial Court to the original felony charge of making a false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device.

Under oath, Olson stated she placed a telephone call from her home in Grayling Township to the home of Grayling Middle School Principal Doniel Pummell the morning of March 11, 2002 and stated, "Good luck trying to find the bomb at your school."

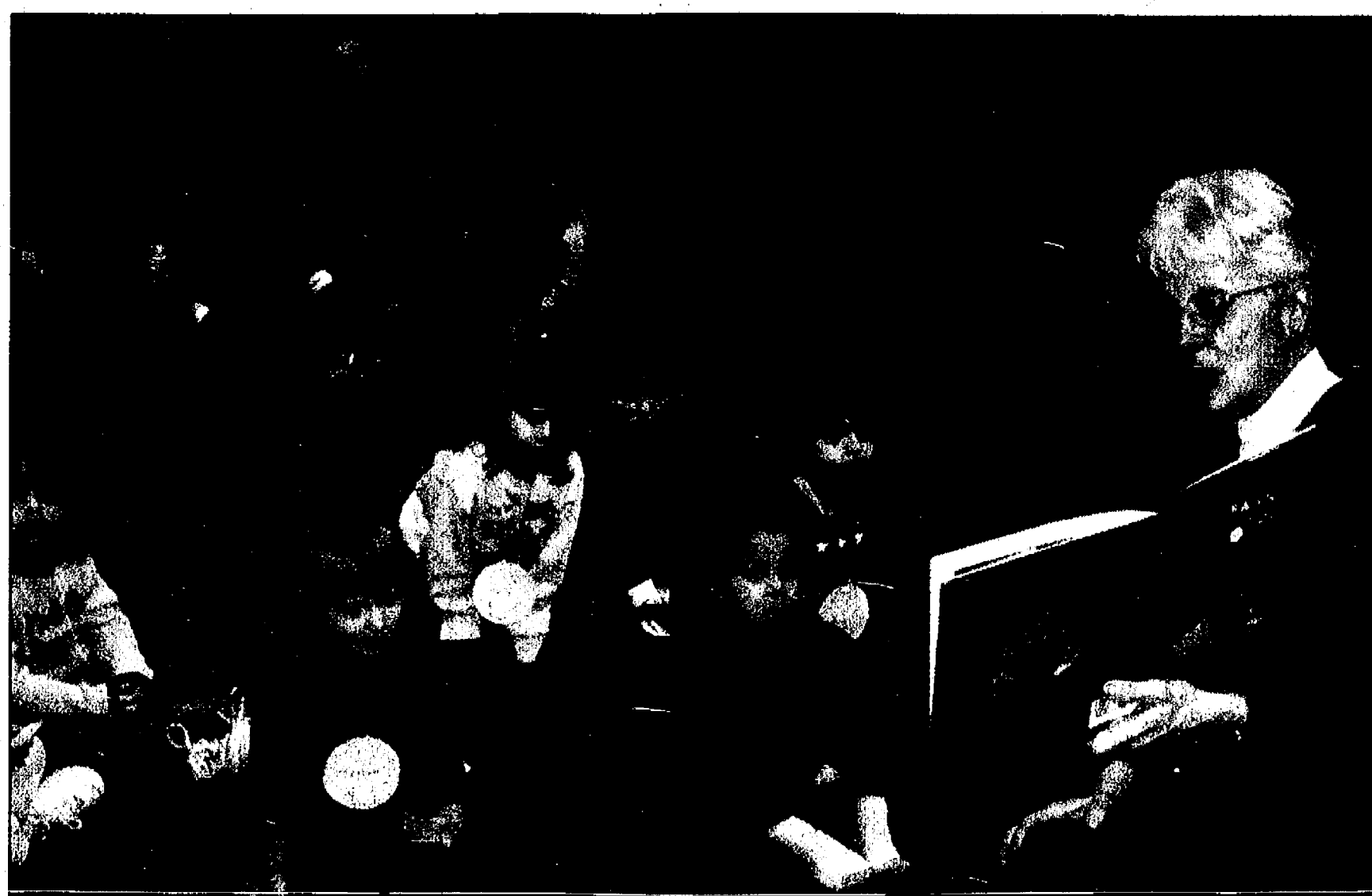
Present in the courtroom were Crawford AuSable School Superintendent Milli Haug and Principal Pummell. "This whole episode has been sad for the school district, the community and for the Olson family," Haug remarked.

"Mrs. Olson was a trusted member of our staff and violated

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## Story Hour captures tots' attention



Volunteer Rae Ann Schanz reads to a group of young children each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. during Story Hour at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. The program gives children a chance to put their thinking caps on and discover the world of numbers and letters, words and storybooks, song and a little dance. Films and puppets are also put to good use during Story Hour. More than 30 children are registered for the program. (Left) Charles Garrity, Alanna Bonamie, and Torea Flowers listen as Schanz shares a book selection. March is National Reading Month.

## Weather played role in gasoline station leak

► Old 27 closed for more than four hours during clean-up work

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

An estimated seven gallons of gasoline spilled out of an underground storage tank last Saturday morning, causing local law enforcement to shut down a portion of Old US-27 in Frederic Township.

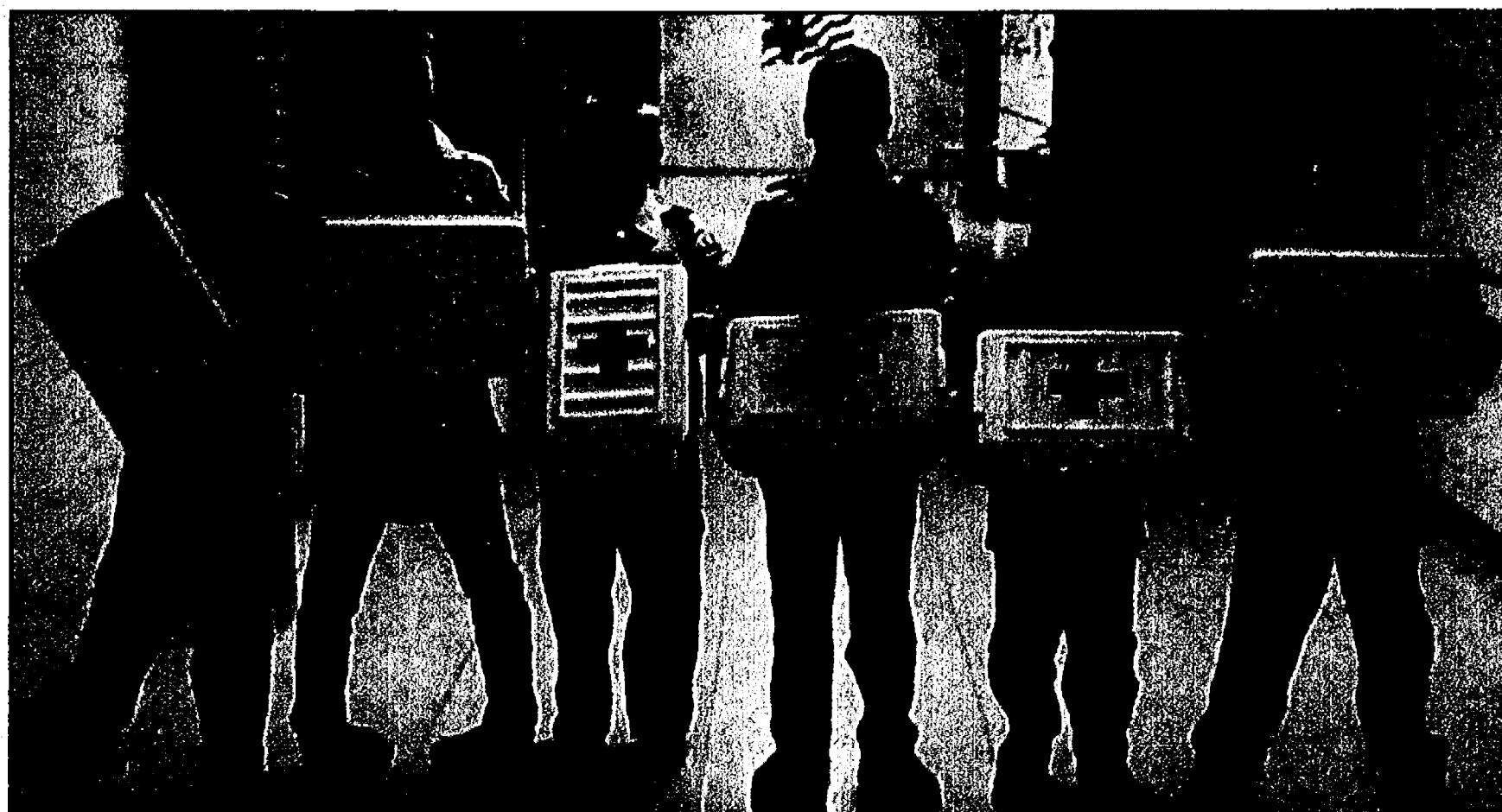
Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt said he could not confirm or deny the amount reported missing by the owners of the BP Gas Station, but assures residents in the area the spill was quickly contained and soaked up in absorbent pads before seeping into ground water.

Crawford County Sheriff's Sgt. Randy Baerlocher closed the road to traffic as a precautionary measure as nine Frederic fire officials, Beaver Creek Township HAZMAT Team coordinator Ed Holcamp, Randy Rothe of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and John Huspen

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## Emergency Kits earn scouts Readyman Badges



Webelo Cub Scouts Josh Aimesbury, Brent Steffey, Max Murray, Matt Dunckel, Scott Werjowski and Corey Kiessel are ready in case a disaster strikes with their newly assembled emergency preparedness kits.

Local first year Webelo Cub Scouts have assembled emergency preparedness kits to earn their Readyman Badges and are now prepared to handle a disaster including a wildfire, snowstorm, tornado, thunderstorm, or power outage.

During a meeting February 24 at Grayling Elementary School, fourth grade student and Webelo, Matt Dunckel, explained to his fellow scouts, parents and visitors the importance of the contents of each

kit, which included items such as petroleum jelly, scissors, first aid items and emergency candles.

Dunckel also explained the how to communicate during a disaster: 1) Have a short distance and a long distance family meeting place if one has to leave their home, and 2) make arrangements with a family member out of the city or state to inform other family members about the emergency because phone lines in a disaster

area will most likely be tied up with emergency communications. This gives family members outside the disaster area, with freer access to telephone lines, the task of contacting others, thus speeding up the process.

The importance of developing a family emergency plan and how to become a FEMA Disaster Kid was also explained by Dunckel, who researched disaster preparedness at several web sites includ-

ing the American Red Cross, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), and the Department of Homeland Security.

Kids interested in becoming a FEMA disaster-ready kid need only log on to fema.gov and answer some related questions.

The meeting was well received with Dunckel fielding and answering many important questions about disaster readiness from those in attendance.

## County's new health plan should save more than \$50,000

► Employees should see no change in services covered in plan

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed February 19 to change the county's health care plan and save an estimated \$50,000 this year alone.

Crawford County began looking into other options once it realized the current plan was not performing as well as projected when it came to self-funding.

Following months of research, numbers gathering, and meetings with agents from a variety of insurance companies, County Controller Paul Compo and Chief Deputy Treasurer Dan Weaver presented a proposal to the Commissioners which would allow all current county employees to remain insured and able to continue with their participating health care providers, through Blue Cross/Blue Shield, using what is called the MEBS (Michigan Employee Benefits Services) program.

"Essentially, we will convert our current health care plan from

a PPO 1 to a PPO 4," explained Compo and Weaver in the proposal to the County Board on February 12. "We will pay premiums to MEBS for the cost of a PPO 4, with a 15/30 drug card, and \$10 office co-pay.

"Blue Cross/Blue Shield will reimburse the provider as a PPO 4 and send the explanation of benefits to MEBS, who will then bill the county for necessary funding to provide the PPO 1 level of benefit that was not achieved with the PPO 4. Our vision and dental plan will be completely self-funded to our current benefit levels."

Compo said the move to save money on health care has been well-received by the union employees who should see no difference in services covered from the former plan.

MEBS will act as an agent of record for the county. "They will work as the facilitator of services to the employees, as well as provide statistical analysis in the future that will provide insight into modifying our current benefit structure," Compo explained.

"We feel the county realistically should save in excess of \$50,000 over the course of the next 12 months, compared to our current premiums," Weaver said.

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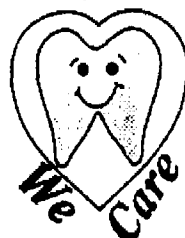
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## City to conduct DDA meeting, hearing

► DDA meetings to be held on March 12 and March 19

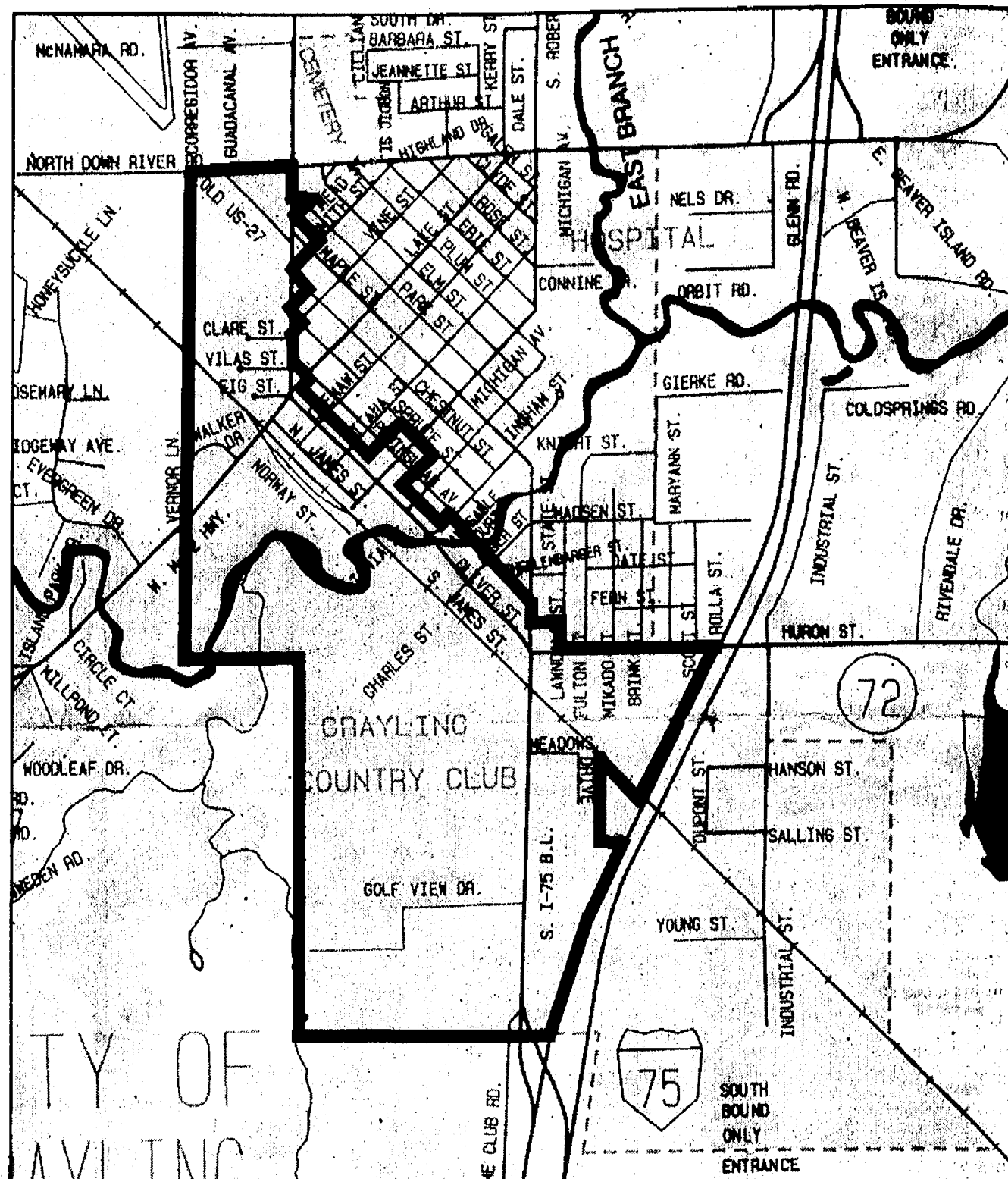
The City of Grayling has set up two public forums for discussion of its proposed establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA): a public hearing (required by law as part of the DDA establishment process) on March 19, and a meeting on March 12 to gather input and answer questions from citizens prior to the official public hearing.

A DDA is a tool that can be used by a city, township or village to revitalize its downtown area by planning and carrying out improvement projects on public property within its district. DDAs are funded primarily through the capture of increases in property tax values within the district.

On February 10, the city council scheduled its public hearing for March 19 after increasing the size of the previously approved district on January 27. Setting borders for the proposed DDA district is a required part of the DDA public hearing process.

The (Wednesday) March 19 public hearing will be held at Grayling Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

At the council's February 24 regular meeting, Gosling-Czubak, the city's engineering firm, discussed the DDA issue in



The City of Grayling's current proposed Downtown Development Authority district borders are outlined in black.

general with council members and urged the city to conduct a public meeting prior to the official public hearing in order to

gather more input and help provide information to interested citizens.

The council scheduled the

meeting for Wednesday, March 12. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the AuSable Primary Library.

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of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) analyzed the situation.

Owners of the station called in

their contracted environmental containment company to handle the cleanup.

Chief Pratt said the extreme cold weather and recent short

thaw was most likely the cause of the spill. He said thawing and freezing of water around the two 10,000 gallon tanks and lines caused the overflow sump area to

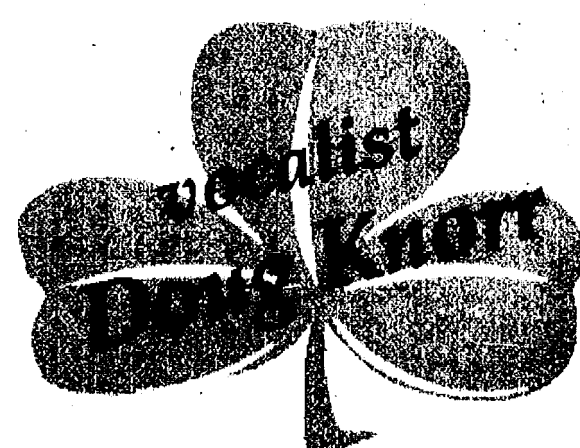
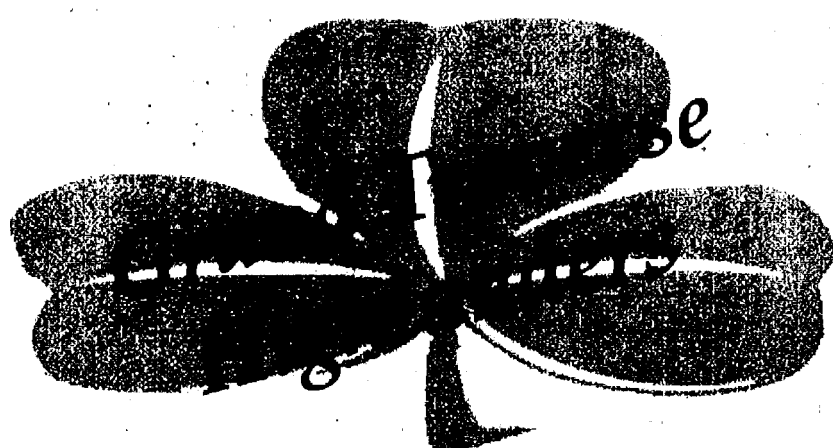
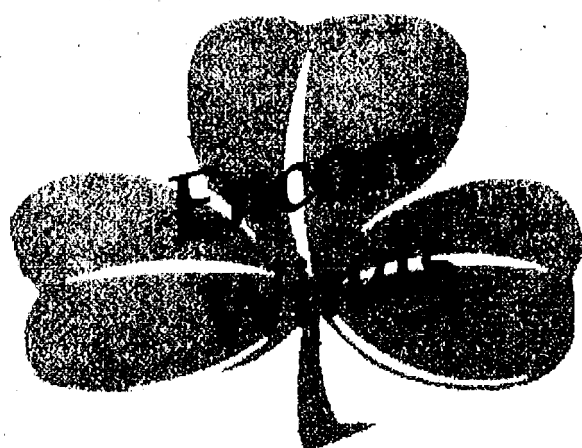
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## Fred Bear memorabilia on display at library

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

When Pete Kocefas noticed the empty showcase at the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library he talked to library director Edward Elsner about putting up an archery display to help young people learn some of the history of Fred Bear and Bear Archery and what they meant to Crawford County.

One of the main reasons Fred Bear moved his company to Grayling in 1947 was his love of fly fishing. The company was important to the local economy for over 30 years until it moved to Florida in 1978.

The display represents a small part of Kocefas' vast collection of Fred Bear memorabilia. Included in this display are five books about Fred Bear, a Bear Archery catalog printed in Japanese and a comic book, a quiver full of arrows, three Bear bows, as well as knives, matches, hats, patches and many other items.

There are also several pictures of Fred Bear, including one with astronaut Joe Engel, long time employee Frank Scott and Bear Archery Advertising Director Dick Lattimer. Lattimer is currently writing a book about Fred Bear.

The display will remain in the library for the next few months.

Kocefas' interest in archery began in 1992. Shortly thereafter, he started his collection because Fred Bear had been such an important part of the history of this area and he felt there should be some sort of a local memorial.

Kocefas, owner of Sledheads in Frederic, has the bulk of his collection at his store. Those who would like to see more of the memorabilia he has collected, or have something they would like to add to the collection can contact him at 344-7669.



The display honoring Fred Bear includes a bust of Fred Bear, posters, a wooden bow from 1947 and a letter written by Bear to some of his employees.

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that trust. After the threat was made last year, there were students afraid to come to school... some wanted to be home schooled. It was very upsetting to some of our staff members who were already at the building that morning when the threat was received and didn't know whether or not there really was a bomb," Haug said.

Though no bomb or device was ever found, Haug said the effect of the threat was palpable. "This is a felony -- a very serious situation." The school was closed for the day while police scoured the building for explosives.

Haug said Olson's guilty plea to a felony will most likely cause her to never teach again as most school districts inquire about felony convictions of their applicants.

Last July, Haug and other

school officials were asked to complete a victim's impact statement.

Haug said in her statement she detailed the monetary effect and emotional impact Olson's threat had on the school district. "It is my understanding those statements will play a role in determining her sentence."

With the plea accepted by the court, Olson waives her right to a jury trial and now faces up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine when sentenced, tentatively in April. Judge Davis advised Olson that no decision can be made regarding her sentence until he receives and reviews a pre-sentencing report from the Michigan Department of Corrections, which offers a recommendation for a proper sentence.

Judge Davis also stated he is unaware of any psychological analysis of Olson's mental status

that may be presented from either Olson's attorney or Prosecutor John Huss' office, but said he may order such an analysis above and beyond what may be offered by either side.

Olson remains free on a \$10,000 bond, and Judge Davis is allowing her to travel to Utah, from March 27 through April 4, in order to attend her son's ski competition.

## Students seek sponsors for Jump Rope for Heart

Students enrolled at Crawford AuSable School's elementary schools will be participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart event later this month.

Frederic Elementary students will Jump Rope for Heart on Tuesday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and students at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools will be jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers on Thursday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For two hours, students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope for Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The

event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

The community is asked to help our local school children help others by becoming a sponsor and supporting Jump Rope for Heart with whatever one can afford to give. To help more, call the American Heart Association office at 1-231-547-6083 or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

For more information about the local events at the Frederic Elementary and Grayling Elementary Schools, call Julie Duncley at 344-3606 or 344-3704; contact Don Knapp at 344-3654 for information about the AuSable Primary School's event.

Students and parents are reminded donation envelopes are due back at school by Friday, March 14.

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Imagine that you are having a heart attack and no one around you knows what to do. Now imagine that a Red Cross trained family member knows what to do until professional help arrives.

Imagine needing blood products while in surgery and having none available. Now imagine that a neighbor gave blood, and you will recover because the blood products were there when needed.

Imagine all of the ways the American Red Cross touches lives every day.

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan is here to provide these services for the residents of Crawford County.

Local community leaders Monte Burmeister and Bill Gannon are on the board of directors for the local Red Cross Chapter. Monte serves as the first vice president and will take the helm as chapter chair at the September annual meeting. Mr. Gannon has served on the board since 2001 and is active on the public relations committee. "It is important for Red Cross to be able to respond to our local needs, and I wanted Crawford County's interests to be presented at the board level," states Bill Gannon. "The work of Red Cross impacts most Americans at some point, from taking swimming lessons as a child, administering first aid to a family member, or needed a blood transfusion in later years. Red Cross needs to be strong locally to benefit our community," added Burmeister.

Red Cross in Crawford County has volunteers serving in disaster response, blood services, Armed Forces Emergency Services, and Health & Safety instructors training in First Aid & CPR and aquatics procedures. Additionally, there are volunteer caseworkers working 24/7 at Camp Grayling during the peak training times to handle family emergency messages for the National Guard members.

The Red Cross is a participating agency of the Crawford County United Way. It is not a government agency and receives no funds for operations expenses. "About 85% of needed funds come from people like you, who support our direct mail appeals," explains Sue Shoemaker, local executive director. "Last year there were nine house fires in Crawford County impacting 30 residents. Red Cross distributed \$4,000 to the families as an outright gift to help with immediate food, clothing, and shelter needs. These funds were available thanks to the generous financial support of local businesses and residents."

Red Cross turns people's caring and concern into action. For more information on how to get involved with the Red Cross, call 800-691-6050 or visit the Gaylord service center at 114 North Court Street.

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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## Sell Mackinac Island residence? Say it isn't so

IN THESE DAYS of tight budgets, limited income, and general deprivation for Michigan's populace, the idea has been floated that the state should sell one of its true and irreplaceable assets for a veritable handful of silver.

Michigan owns a stately residence atop the bluffs on Mackinac Island for a governor's summer residence. It was built in 1902, and the state acquired it from the federal government in 1945 for \$15,000. Almost \$1 million was raised in a fund raising drive in the 1990s for renovations and upkeep.

Traditionally the governor uses it for a summer vacation spot, although much official business also has been conducted within its walls and on its sweeping front porch, which boasts unmatched views of the Straits of Mackinac and the Mackinac Bridge.

Various governors have used the summer mansion in various ways, but all Michigan governors since 1945 have enjoyed it to one extent or another. Probably Democrat G. Mennen

Williams and Republican William Milliken have spent the most hours in the Mackinac mansion ..... of course, these two were the longest serving governors during those years, too.

Mackinac Island itself is one of Michigan's greatest tourist attractions, drawing visitors from around the world. Thousands of Island visitors have been guests at the Governor's Residence through the years.

For the people of Michigan to provide perhaps the most prominent residence on the Island for use of their governor should be a point of pride for all of us.

It's not necessary, of course. But it's very, very nice.

ADMITTEDLY, MICHIGAN is in a financial bind these days. So are most other states.

Senator Shirley Johnson, chair of the Senate appropriations committee, posed the problem: "In fairness, we have to ask, if we can only afford core programs, as beautiful and as wonderful as that

house is, can we afford it?"

The answer is: Can we afford not to keep it?

How much would be raised if the residence is sold? Maybe \$1.5 to \$2 million. A multi-billion dollar deficit is projected for next year's budget. Dumping the Mackinac house solves no problem...it only delays solution.

Once sold, the Mackinac house most likely would be lost to the public forever. That's not a good trade.

IF BUDGET MAKERS are in such dire need for cash as they seem to be, let's think outside the box to work on the problem.

Don't sell the Mackinac mansion, but take out a mortgage. Listen when one of these mortgage sales pitches comes uninvited on your phone, explaining how mortgage rates are low, low, low, and how easy you can turn your home equity into instant cash. We could take out a million dollar mortgage or more, make the easy monthly payments, and

pay off the mortgage when times get better.

That way we have the cash, and keep the Mackinac house, too. Times are going to get better, aren't they? This is only a temporary problem, isn't it?

But if we must sell an heirloom to stay afloat, why stop at the Mackinac governor's residence?

Let's sell the Mackinac Bridge, too. It would be a good deal for venture capitalists trying to find places to invest their money.

Or sell our state parks to private sources. They could raise the rates, or develop the land, and recoup their investment in short order. Or should the state hang on to our parks and do the same things to raise cash?

Or we could sell the state capitol, move government to less pretentious quarters, or even rent the capitol back.

Or we could peddle our state universities to private buyers. The University of Michigan probably would bring enough by itself to balance our budget and we

can hang on to the rest of the state universities, and only sell them off one at a time when another budget crisis comes along.

Or maybe we could fold up the legislature, and outsource the lawmaking functions of the state to private sources. We could probably empty a few office buildings in Detroit and Lansing, and it probably would be cheaper, too.

When we start divesting the public stewardship of valuable or irreplaceable assets, there's no end to what an inventive mind can conceive to solve what is only a temporary crisis.

The budget crisis is only a temporary one, isn't it?

Michigan's government leaders should not sell the governor's residence on Mackinac Island.

They should solve the supply and demand problems instead.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## How do you fight terrorism?

To the editor,

Several friends have asked me how we can fight terrorism.

Well, not be using our excellent armed forces the wrong way for one thing. If you're troubled with a hangnail, it doesn't help much to drop a sledgehammer on your foot.

Which brings me back to my original question: If you can't use conventional weapons against terrorism, how do you fight it?

1. Well, terrorism is a weapon of the mind. It would help if we used our brains. Many of the countries which oppose an Iraq war are actually making inroads on the terrorists, using intelligence to find where they are and what they're planning.

2. Cut off their roots of support. What we should do is try not to create more terrorists. There is a huge Arab population in the Middle East, most of which is politically inert. These people are potentially either for us or against us. If we invade Iraq, we are going to provoke a gigantic backlash against us. Recruits and support for Al-Qaeda will mushroom.

President Bush himself had the solution when he said, "We will win the hearts and minds of people in the Arab world." The trouble is, he didn't act on it. It isn't too late to act on it now. But if we go into Iraq, it will be too late.

3. Find out what people's

grievances are. Talk - communicate - dialog. Osama himself is beyond dialog right now. But we should be aiming at his potential supporters. The Arab world is full of anger and frustration. Some of it is at their own governments, some of it is at Israel, and some of it is at us.

Rightly or wrongly, the average Arab citizen sees us as being a part of their world, their problems. If they think that, can we afford to ignore them?

If any of us has a grievance with a friend, or their boss, or in the family, what is the one thing that makes you feel angriest? If that person doesn't even want to listen! It costs so little to listen and try to understand, yet the USA hasn't really tried it yet.

Yes, we've had talks with Arab governments. And the US is spying on people's e-mails, probably including yours and mine, but we have done almost nothing to give the average Arab the feeling that the USA cares two cents for what happens to him or her.

There is so much we could do to reach Arabs at the grass-roots level, to convince them we aren't against them, that we aren't trying to destroy Islam, that we do care for Arab countries for something other than oil, that we'd actually like them to have decent representative government and decent lives.

But we have to do it now. And we have to stay out of Iraq. If we invade Iraq, people in the Arab

world are not going to believe anything we say afterwards. Ask yourself: if you made friends with somebody and then borrowed his car without asking, he could forgive it for the sake of friendship. But if you make free with the car first, and try to claim you're his friend afterwards... well, I wouldn't give that "friendship" much of a chance!

Lots of people are saying we should support our military because those brave men and women are willing to lay down their lives for our country if they need to. I am not in the least against the military. However, if we care about our enlisted men and women, we should want to make darn sure those brave people are risking their lives in the best cause.

How would we feel if US soldiers lose their lives and then instead of protecting our country, their sacrifice makes our country less safe than ever? If it destabilizes the Middle East and provokes an increase in terror? This is a very, very real possibility - and what a tragic waste it would be! So before we send in our soldiers to "sort everything out," let's just ask if it really would sort anything out. And what if it wouldn't? Then let's keep the sword in the scabbard and, as Winston Churchill said, "Jaw-jaw is better than war-war."

Cathy Lester  
Grayling

## America must stand united in the name of freedom

To the editor,

It is the noble sacrifice of our men and women in our military that has preserved our freedoms as a nation. We respect the right to freedom of speech by all citizens to publicly express their own views.

One of our most controversial articles in the *Avalanche* was "Better Dead than Red." We supported our nation and military during the entire Vietnam War. The goal of that war was to contain the threat of world tyranny by communism. The sacrifices of our soldiers in Vietnam helped bring about the later fall of the "Iron Curtain" and the Soviet Union.

Today we are again threatened by world tyranny through global terrorism.

We did not start this war. Years of appeasement in the name of diplomacy only emboldened the terrorists. President Bush has said that every nation or person who is not with us in the global war against terrorism, is with the enemy. Jesus Christ said in Mark 9:40: "For he that is not against us is on our part." Christ also said in Luke 9:50: "And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us."

Just as the communist tail wagged the lazy liberal dog in Hollywood during our war against global communism, even so now, the peace movement is promoted by a reported communist front organization called A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism).

On its website, the organization provides an anti-war leaflet entitled, "Emergency response protests & walk-outs," in which it claims to be the "single biggest obstacle to war." It goes on to say, "However, if the war starts we must be organized to resist and disable the war machine." The organization calls this

war "a unilateral war of aggression." It encourages organized walkouts to "converge mid-day at noon at city centers." It also calls for mass protests "by marching through city neighborhoods beginning at 5 p.m. (the next day at 5 p.m. if the bombing begins at night)."

Some of A.N.S.W.E.R.'s slogans are: "Unite to Fight the Warmongers," "Impeach Bush," "No War Against Iraq! Eliminate U.S. Weapons of Mass Destruction," and "Stop Bush and Ashcroft's Political Targeting!" which is A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition's statement on the arrest of Florida professor, Sami Al-Arian.

(Sami Al-Arian has since been both arrested and fired from his teaching position at South Florida University because evidence has been revealed tying him in with global terrorism.)

During the time of our Civil War, Abraham Lincoln quoted the teachings of Jesus Christ from Mark 3:24 and 25: "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." America has been attacked by global terrorism. Thousands died in the World Trade Center and other similar events. We need a united America to survive!

Our military families are appreciated, supported, encouraged, and welcome at Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling. Full support for the war to preserve and promote religious, political, and economic freedom is considered part of our patriotic duty as Christians living in freedom in America. -- "Pastor B"

Dr. Robert J. Barnett  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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## VIEWPOINT

by Lynnette Corlew,  
Chairwoman  
Crawford County Board  
of Commissioners

## Window of opportunity is now

With the tremendous budget constraints Crawford County is facing, many citizens are asking: "What is going on with the courthouse and jail?"... "How can you afford to move and build new?"... "Whose idea was this anyway?"

Sound familiar? Last year, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was approached by the developer of Bear's Landing. He was inquiring as to our future needs for county property expansion with regard to parking and an access road to connect M-72 West and Michigan Avenue. Our needs were expressed, but also the reality of having a limited budget was also shared.

A former Crawford County resident came to the developer, Commissioner Scott Hanson and myself with the idea of selling the county property to the neighboring development so that prime real estate could be placed on the tax rolls and we would move to a less valuable location. This idea has developed into a written request by the developer to seriously look at our options.

I felt we needed community involvement and formed an exploration committee with several points of view brought to the table.

Three residents, three elected officials, two employees, the current director of MSU Extension, and the Crawford County Building Authority has taken on this task.

They are charged with the mission of seeing to the option of relocation, without county government incurring additional debt. Is this an impossible task? Maybe, but the window of opportunity is now and the individuals asked to serve will explore all options.

We can only move forward if this is a win-win situation for everyone involved. We will keep you, the taxpayers, informed as we progress. Suggestions are always appreciated.

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## War will not stop terrorism

To the editor,

I'm opposed to the war because I don't think it will stop terrorism.

Families will be hurt if the family members get shipped overseas to Iraq.

People will get killed. A few years later then, they will come back to hurt us again.

We need to stop the war.

Matthew Letts  
7th Grade  
Grayling

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# BRIEFS

## Rep. Gillard to visit Crawford County

106th District State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) will hold office hours in Crawford County on Thursday, March 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, in Grayling. During these informal office hours, area residents are encouraged to discuss with Rep. Gillard any questions and concerns they may have about state government. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-MATT-106.

## Dance to raise funds for GMS project

The Modern Woodmen Camp #6378 will hold a matching funds project to benefit the Grayling Middle School (GMS) Media Center. On Friday, March 21, an activity night will be held at GMS from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and includes a dance, game rooms, open gym and food. Admission will be \$3. For more information, call Patty Salyers at (989) 348-4442.

## GHS Class of '83 planning reunion

The Grayling High School Class of 1983 will be holding its 20-year reunion on August 9. The reunion committee is looking for current addresses of many classmates. Anyone who is a friend or relative of a member of the Class of 1983 is asked to contact them and have them send their updated information to: J. Harney, P.O. Box 762, Manistee, MI 49660. More information on reunion plans will follow.

## Sheriff to attend Beaver Creek meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

## Apply for a ABWA scholarship

The members of the local chapter of ABWA (American Business Women's Association) are accepting applications for scholarships for the Fall 2003 college term. Applications are available during regular business hours at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, The Comfort Center, and Doorways of the North through April 15. In May, interviews will be conducted and winners will be notified. Any questions about the scholarship process may be directed to Cathy at 348-6708.

## Second 'March for Peace' planned

A "March for Peace," coordinated by some members of the Grayling Christian community, will be held Saturday, March 8, beginning at 11 a.m., forming in the Grayling City Park. For more information, call Lorna Morse at 348-7037 or Cathy Lester at 348-8801.

## Borchers Post/Auxiliary call meeting

A meeting of the C.W. Borchers VFW Post 3736 will be held at the American Legion Post 106 in Grayling on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Auxiliary members will meet earlier in the day at 3 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

## Eagles to host Wednesday fish fry

Grayling Eagles #3465 will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, March 12, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person and includes cole slaw, au gratin potatoes, french fries, green beans and dessert. The Eagles Hall is located at 602 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. The public is welcome.

## Go Irish with Celtic Dessert Concert

The annual Celtic Dessert Concert, presented by the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program, will be performed at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Sunday, March 9. Performing this year are the Encore Winds, Grand Traverse Highlanders and vocalist Doug Knorr. Doors open at 2 p.m., concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each, \$10 for students/senior citizens, and are available at the CASD main office, 403 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, at the door, or by calling (989) 348-7146. Tickets include assorted desserts and non-alcoholic beverages. This program is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Free financial seminar offered

The public is invited to attend a free seminar, hosted by the Grayling investment representative from the financial services firm Edward Jones. The seminar titled, "Charting the Course," will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. For more information or to register, call Kurt Loll at 348-6964.

## Handgun safety course offered

Kirtland Community College is accepting registration for a handgun safety class that fulfills the training requirements of Michigan's concealed weapons (CCW) law.

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course has been certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards in compliance with Public Act 381 of 2000.

The non-credit course is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience. In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator.

The class will meet on two Saturdays, April 5 and April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. While the law requires only eight hours of training, Kirtland's program

offers additional material and hands-on practice for a total of 16 hours.

Participants must attend both sessions and pass written and practical exams to earn a certificate.

Cost is \$175 per person and includes training materials. A 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens.

Participants should provide their own guns; however, college-owned weapons will be available if needed.

Registration fees include ammunition for 9mm, .38, .40 and .45-caliber weapons. Trainees using other weapons will need to bring ammunition.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, contact Kirtland's Criminal Justice Office at (989) 275-5000, ext. 283, or by e-mail glibsc@kirtland.edu.

## Four-star general to discuss war, terrorism

Highly-decorated four-star U.S. Army General Barry McCaffrey will speak via live broadcast, at two special one-hour programs, free to the public, next Tuesday in Grayling.

During the program, retired General McCaffrey will explore what's next for U.S. military forces and examine America's progress toward homeland security.

"This unique program will offer an in-depth look at war and terrorism in America," said Kurt Loll, investment representative for the Edward Jones office located at 307 Huron Street in Grayling. "We'll also discuss whether war and terrorism should impact investment decisions."

During his military career, McCaffrey served overseas for 13 years, including four combat tours. In the Persian Gulf War, he commanded the 24th Infantry Division.

McCaffrey has also served as the assistant to General Colin Powell and supported the Joint Chiefs of Staff as advisor to the Secretary of State and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Under President Bill Clinton, McCaffrey was appointed U.S. "drug czar." In that capacity, he served as a member of the pres-

ident's Cabinet and the National Security Council for drug-related issues.

At retirement from active duty, General McCaffrey was the most highly decorated and youngest four-star general. He twice received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal for valor. He was also awarded two Silver Stars and received three Purple Heart Medals for wounds sustained in combat.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, McCaffrey is currently the Olin distinguished professor of National Security Studies. He is also president of his own consulting firm and regularly appears as an analyst for NBC News on issues of national security and terrorism.

This live, interactive broadcast is part of the Edward Jones "Face to Face" investor education series. It is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

For more information about the March 11 programs or to reserve a seat, call Loll at 348-6964. Additional viewing opportunities are available for those unable to attend these two sessions.

## Grayling fire chief continues kids' fire safety program

Chief Duane Brooks of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department is continuing his organization's commitment to fire prevention by organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Grayling.

Over 750 youngsters, ages five through 12, will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level.

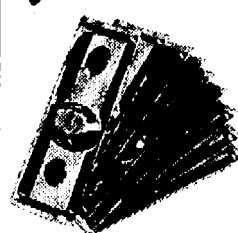
This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter. Various other fire safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless death.

Bob Koch, of the Nation Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. Koch is the Area Fire Safety Coordinator of the NFSC, a federal tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501(c)3 and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to area business,

industrial, and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department. Anyone not receiving a letter, who would like to sponsor, mail a check to the department, made payable to National Fire Safety Council. Chief Brooks stresses to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type the Grayling City/Township Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Chief Duane Brooks, contact the fire department immediately.

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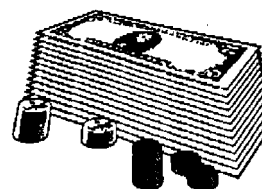
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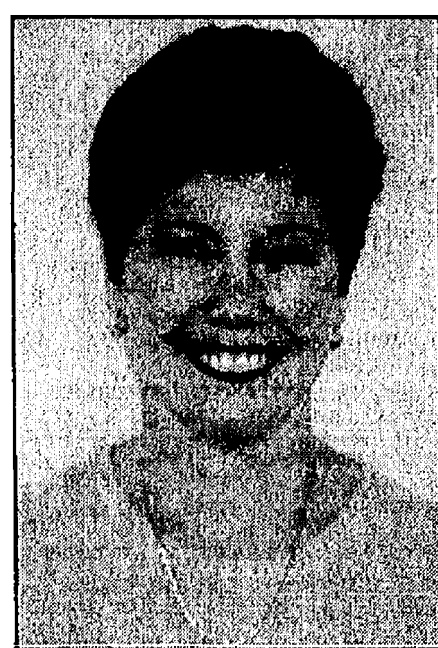


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# The Bible Speaks

## Truth or Lies

Truth, beauty, and goodness are virtues we all appreciate. God has transcended the natural realm to enable us to know and appreciate these virtues. Because God created us in His own image, He made us to be naturally attracted to truth, beauty and goodness, and repulsed by lies, ugliness, and evil. The ability to believe that such a contrast in values even exists is evidence God created all of us as moral beings.

We are constantly challenged in this world by conflicting forces either promoting truth or lies, beauty or ugliness, goodness or evil. The choices we make will affect the character and conduct of ourselves, our families, and our nation. Our choices will determine our present and future welfare.

All other creatures on earth are governed by what we call instinct. Animals were programmed by their creator to obey. Humans alone were created in the image of God and therefore given the ability to choose. But, with this privilege comes responsibility. You and I must decide what we will believe and what we will do with our lives. One word can best characterize our unique and glorious privilege: freedom! Through faith in His word, God gives us freedom to know Him, to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever!

Our nation was founded upon belief in God-given freedom. Our Declaration of Independence

declares that our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property are the gifts of our creator God. Our U.S. Constitution was written to give us laws to protect these freedoms. Our success as a nation is one proof God has blessed us. Our Bible remains the foundational truth that undergirds all of our virtues and rights.

But why are we constantly being confronted with lies, ugliness, and evil? Evil originated by the choice of one person, Lucifer. Read the record of Lucifer's sin and fall in Isaiah 14:12-14. Lucifer became the devil because of his sin. Jesus said of him in John 8:44: "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." Satan's first words to Eve in the Garden of Eden were in the form of a question that implied a lie in Genesis 3:1: "Yea, hath God said?" Satan first questioned God's integrity. Then Eve made a choice to believe and accept Satan's lie and reject God's truth. "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:4,5)

By rejecting God, many still follow Satan by believing they have become little gods. Trusting in

Satan's lie, they logically reject God's Word, the Bible. They disregard the Declaration of Independence as antiquated and irrelevant because it declares Bible truth. They promote judicial activism to revise the meaning of the U. S. Constitution because it was originally adopted to preserve these truths by law.

Some of us still believe truth, beauty, and goodness are the gracious gifts of God. We still believe America has been blessed above other nations on earth because of our trust in God. May God help us not to lose His blessings of truth, beauty, goodness, and freedom through which He has made us great. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.j2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

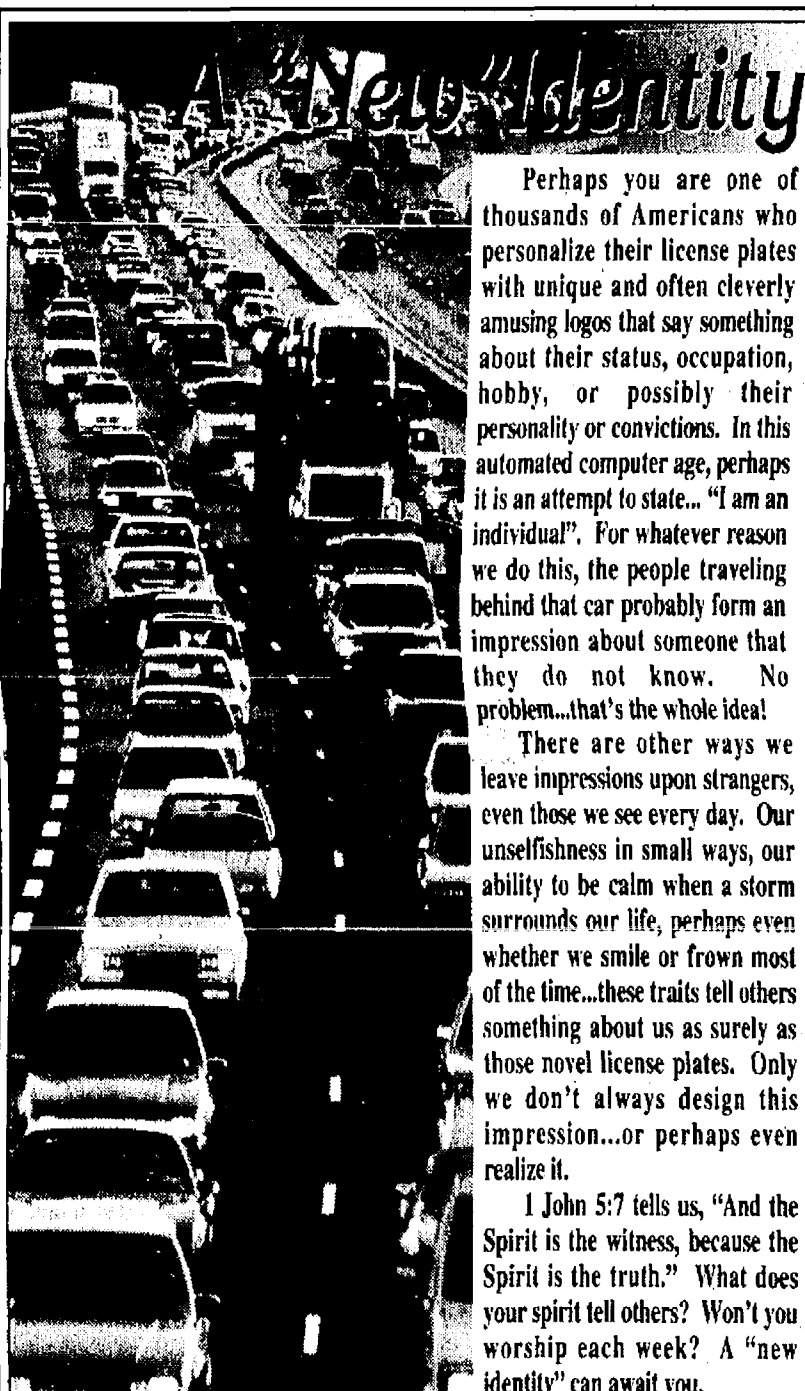
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For those lost, those who serve



Photo courtesy of Shirley Schmooch

Grayling resident Linda Bearss (center) recently donated a quilted flag motif to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, dedicated as follows: "For those lives lost on September 11, 2001 and for those brave men and women who serve our country to keep us free." Accepting the flag quilt for the library were Friends of the Library president, Alice Sturm (left) and treasurer, Shirley Schmooch (right).



Perhaps you are one of thousands of Americans who personalize their license plates with unique and often cleverly amusing logos that say something about their status, occupation, hobby, or possibly their personality or convictions. In this automated computer age, perhaps it is an attempt to state, "I am an individual". For whatever reason we do this, the people traveling behind that car probably form an impression about someone that they do not know. No problem...that's the whole idea!

There are other ways we leave impressions upon strangers, even those we see every day. Our selfishness in small ways, our ability to be calm when a storm surrounds our life, perhaps even whether we smile or frown most of the time...these traits tell others something about us as surely as those don't always license plates. Only we don't always design this impression...or perhaps even realize it.

I John 5:7 tells us, "And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth." What does your spirit tell others? Won't you worship each week? A "new identity" can await you.

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Tuesday.....7 pm

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Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

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## Composer/pianist to perform at Kirtland

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will present a concert with Paul Williams on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m.

Williams has been lauded and awarded over the years by audiences and his peers alike, not only as one of the most gifted and prolific lyricists and composers, but also as a singer, an actor and a humanitarian.

As a composer, Williams has received nine nominations from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and six nominations each from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, and has filled his shelves with Grammys, Golden Globes and an Oscar for his victories.

Another honor was received in 2001 when he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Williams' current album, "Come Back to Love Again" features many of his hits like "I Won't Last a Day Without You," "An Old Fashioned Love Song," and "Rainbow Connection," and "You're Gone," which he wrote for Diamond Rio.



Paul Williams will perform March 15 at KCPA.

Williams has also written other hits like "Evergreen," "We've Only Just Begun," "A Star Is Born," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Muppet Christmas Carol," "The Muppet Movie," "Family of Man," "Bugsy Malone," and the "Love Boat Theme."

Williams' list of acting credits is almost as long as his songs. Among his memorable movies

have been "The Muppet Movie," "The Doors," "Battle for the Planet of the Apes," "Phantom of Paradise," and his running portrayal of Little Ennos in the three "Smokey and the Bandit" films.

His TV credits include "Star Trek," "Walker, Texas Ranger," "Picket Fences," "Boston Common," "Babylon," "Hart to Hart," and a regular role on the daytime drama "The Bold and

the Beautiful." He is also the voice of the Penguin on the animated "Batman" series.

Paul Williams has written songs for Frank Sinatra, Barbara Streisand, David Bowie, Dianna Ross, Elvis Presley, Gladys Knight, John Denver, Ella Fitzgerald, The Carpenters, Luther VanDross, Olivia Newton-John, Kenny Loggins, Art Garfunkel, Helen Reddy, Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, Bing Crosby, Glen Campbell, Crystal Gayle, Kris Kristofferson, and Neal McCoy, to list a few.

Williams has also written songs and scores for such movies as "Cinderella Liberty," "The Muppet Movie," "Bugsy Malone," "Rocky IV," The Secret of Nimh," and The Muppet Christmas Carol.

Paul Williams will present a variety of his songs at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see and listen to this performing arts legend.

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777.

## 2003 River Fest parade theme announced

► Participants asked to follow 'America the Beautiful' theme

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Parade Committee has announced that the theme of the 2003 AuSable River Festival Parade will be "America the Beautiful" and is looking for participants.

"We are looking for entries that feature the things that make this a great country," said Parade Committee Chairperson Joni Duncel. "They can include people, places, ideas or institutions -- just anything that helps to define us as a nation."

The AuSable River Festival Parade is one of many events in the days leading up to the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River

Canoe Marathon each year. Other activities include concerts, an arts and crafts show, a car show, youth racing and a lot of food. The parade route follows Michigan Avenue through the city of Grayling on Saturday, July 26 at 3 p.m.

The internationally-known race brings people into Grayling from all over the country and sometimes farther away. It is an

opportunity to showcase a business or organization, express originality in the interpretation of a theme, and enjoy a truly great celebration.

Traditionally, parade units include floats, marching units, bands and a variety of vehicles, giving entrants a choice of how they would like to present themselves in conjunction with the theme.

In addition to parade entries, the Parade Committee is also seeking volunteers who are enthusiastic and willing to contribute a few hours to organize and stage this event. Anyone who would like a parade application or to volunteer is asked to call Chairperson Duncel at (989) 348-4801, or send an e-mail to her: mikejoni@free-way.net.

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## Senate now considers public access bill

LANSING — 36th District State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) announced last week that Senate Bill 180, a bill he sponsored prohibiting state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers, will now be considered by the full Michigan Senate.

With a unanimous vote, S.B.180 passed out of the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs. The bill, if approved, will ban agencies from using 900 numbers to charge callers who want to access public information. Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, have been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute for such access.

"The people of our state work hard for their money and should not be charged by state agencies for accessing public information," Sen. Stamas said. "If Senate Bill 180 passes, the state will no longer be able to collect this type of income from Michigan's citizens."

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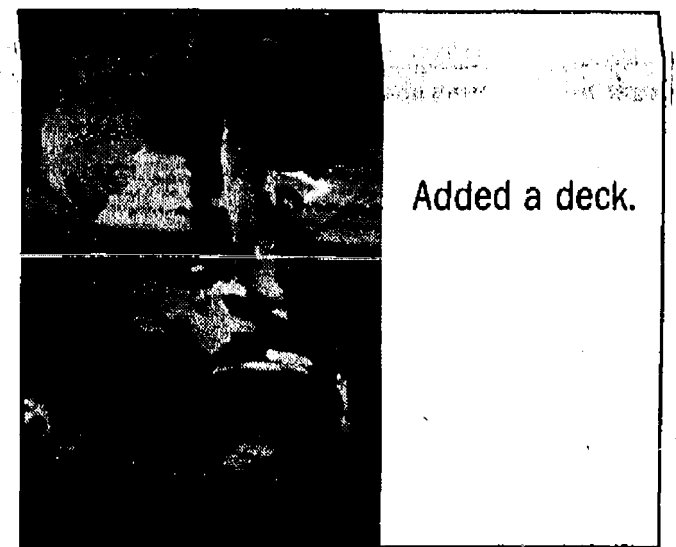
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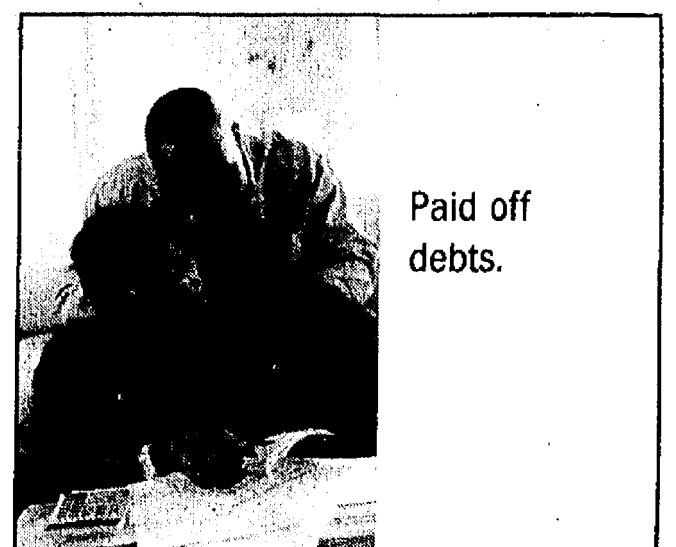
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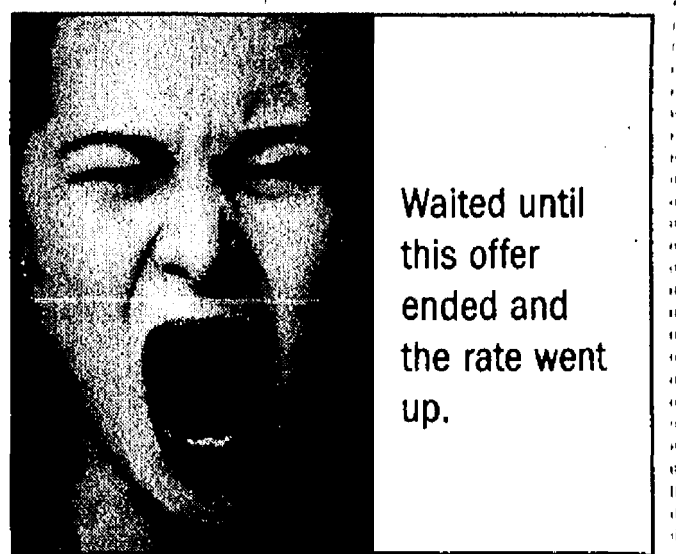
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# OPINIONS

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

## Veteran prays for peace, not war

To the editor,

I am writing this letter at the urging of friends and based on my own experience of involvement in the Korean (War) Conflict.

I am a disabled veteran, though thankfully not totally disabled as so many persons from the conflict are. My unit, the 31st Infantry Regiment, suffered a 70 percent casualty rate in the defeat at the Chosin Reservoir.

It troubles me to hear "hawks," clamoring for a war against a sovereign nation just because the pundits and draft-dodgers in charge have told us they have a potential to harm us.

Though Iraq had no involvement in the "9/11" tragedy and the administration denies any attempt to establish such linkage, such has been implied by attempting to establish a connection between Osama bin Laden and Iraq. The FBI has stated there is no such tangible link.

Here are what I believe are three good reasons for not sending our friends and youth into a war with Iraq: Korean War deaths

numbered 33,651, the wounded numbered 103,284, for a total of 136,935. Let's not forget that we really lost this war and have spent the past 50-plus years guarding our gains.

The Vietnam War saw 58,168 deaths, 153,303 wounded, for a total of 211,471. Another war we lost and have not yet finished grieving over.

The Gulf War saw 293 deaths and 467 wounded, for a total of 760. And, the battle goes on for many who are claiming injury, which our government claims are not valid. By the way, and apologetically to many friends and acquaintances, I am convinced we didn't win this one, either.

In each case cited above, we were skill-wise and technologically superior to our adversaries, so what went wrong?

What is wrong and what can and will go wrong now? How many numbers will we add to the statistics? God only knows.

My prayers are for peace not war.

George H. Morse  
Grayling

## Why are Grayling gas prices higher?

To the editor,

We were in Traverse City, gas

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Back in Grayling, gas prices were \$1.77 (per gallon).

We went to Houghton Lake, gas prices were \$1.68 (per gallon).

Why are Grayling gas prices so much higher? Are we trying to drive people away with higher gas prices in Grayling? We, in Grayling should buy our gas in other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker  
Grayling

## Teen party at library marred by disrespect

To the editor,

This letter is also addressed to Crawford County parents.

First off, I would like to commend Library Director, Mr. Edward Elsner, for the terrific job he's doing in trying to provide wholesome activities for our children. He has even given our teens a say in all of this.

I was one of seven volunteers at the Teen Party last Friday night (February 21), held at the Devereaux Memorial Library, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., to see this in action as some teens were enjoying themselves while behaving, while some chose to abuse and disrespect what was being done for them.

There was a movie, music with an open microphone, refreshments, complete access and use of the computers, plus card and board games.

Needless to say, praise and acknowledgement is given to those teens who chose to show proper respect, behavior and joined in the many activities offered during the party.

But then, there were the few who chose to show lack of respect and proper behavior by having a foul mouth, chasing and running, jumping on and over the chairs, plus calling some of the volunteers foul names. To those parents, you need to take time to sit down and explain to your children the proper respect and behavior at activities out in public.

For those teens, who chose to show up just long enough to partake of the refreshments offered, and then left: Shame on you. Didn't your parents teach you better manners than that?

In an article in the Avalanche

before the week of the party, it was clearly stipulated that the teens had to have and present proof of their age before they would be allowed to enter and enjoy the party which was totally and completely free of any charge. Some parents complied with this rule, but for the ones who didn't: Shame on you.

If we parents can't follow rules, then how can we expect our children to do so. They learn from our example.

In summing all this up: Parents, teach your children. Children, learn the good things from them and behave accordingly with proper behavior and respect. By doing this, everyone will continue to have these activities available to them.

But, the abuse and disrespect definitely has to be nipped in the bud and stopped before it gets totally out of hand.

In closing, you teens who know how to behave and show respect and do so, need to let those who don't and won't know just how you feel about their behavior and lack of respect. Let them know that they either shape up or ship out. Don't let a few spoiled sports ruin a good thing for the rest of you.

Parents, we need to get totally behind Mr. Elsner and the Library Teen Board. Let him know how much we appreciate his efforts in what he's trying to do for our children. Our teens need to know that we are 100% behind them and applaud them for their efforts to make things better. Keep up the good work -- all of you.

Greta G. Gilbert  
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## VIEWPOINT

by Ronald F. Conley

American Legion National Commander

### American Legion recommends improvements to VA budget

The Bush administration's 2004 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs has a strong bottom line, but a few disturbing proposals.

I'll give the administration credit for seeking \$25.4 billion in VA health care funding, not counting the \$2.1 billion VA expects to collect from third-party insurance providers. This is a substantial request and a good sign from the administration.

Having said that, The American Legion cannot support a couple of proposals that would affect veterans in VA's lowest health care priority groups. Charging a \$250 enrollment fee to all veterans in Priority Group 8 and to non-service connected veterans in Priority Group 7 is utterly ridiculous.

Congress should reject that proposal, just as it did the administration's plan last year to charge Priority Group 7 veterans a \$1,500 deductible.

Additionally, although eliminating the pharmacy co-payment for certain veterans in the second through fifth priority groups is

laudable, raising it from \$7 to \$15 for the bottom two priority groups should be avoided.

Having toured 18 VA hospitals in 16 states, since I was elected National Commander in September, I've seen firsthand the effects of under-funding VA health care. It makes hundreds of thousands of veterans wait months for an appointment at a VA medical facility, and it forces dedicated VA professionals to work with inadequate resources.

The short-term answer is to provide adequate discretionary funding to VA without forcing those who sacrificed for freedom to make enormous financial sacrifices to receive the health care they should expect from a grateful nation.

The long-term answers are to fund VA the way Medicare and Social Security are funded -- on a mandatory basis -- and to allow veterans on Medicare to use their benefits to pay for treatment at VA the same way they can use Medicare at a for-profit facility that conceivably would charge the American taxpayer more money than VA would.



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# Snowmobile warning network proposed

by Jeremy W. Steele  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- For years, AAA Michigan has used radio reports, web sites and telephone hotlines to warn drivers about dangerous road conditions throughout the state.

Now a bipartisan group of state senators is wondering if the same strategy can reduce fatal snowmobile accidents.

At least 29 people have died in snowmobile accidents in Michigan so far this winter, including eight in the Upper Peninsula. Thirty-three people died last year, according to the Department of Natural Resources, with a record 48 fatalities during the 1995-96 season.

More than 378,000 snowmobiles are licensed in the state, according to the Secretary of State's office.

"Every year we hear of multiple stories about people getting killed because they're either on a vehicle that they're not trained to operate or they're not following certain safety precautions," said Holland Republican Sen. Wayne Kuipers, one of 11 senators supporting a resolution encouraging state agencies, law enforcement and travel organizations to establish a statewide program to report snowmobile conditions.

"This resolution just urges the departments to get creative to get information out to snowmobilers."

Too many deaths, the senators said, have occurred because snowmobile riders didn't pay attention to safety notices about thin ice.

In January, five Michigan residents drowned within five days of each other when their snowmobiles went through thin ice. Three of those deaths occurred at Grand Traverse County's Long Lake, while two drowned in Houghton Lake.

"Ice can be a really dangerous situation, not just for the danger of dropping through, but trying to stop and steer," said Paul Weber, a AAA Michigan safety education consultant. "They really recommend that you don't ride on ice. But a lot of people like to because it's pretty flat and pretty straight and you can get faster speeds that way."

The resolution's chief sponsor, Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) has run several radio public service announcements since January about snowmobile safety. Her goal is to create a snowmobile safety week in January, said Emily Carney, McManus' chief of staff.

Other supporters of the effort include Sens. Michael Prusi (D-Ishpeming) Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) and Tony Stamas (R-Midland).

Despite concern about thin ice, the main factors contributing to accidents remain alcohol and excessive speed. Of last year's 33 fatalities, 22 were alcohol-related.

Some snowmobile safety advocates said the best way to address those problems is through safety education courses, not a statewide reporting system about snowmobile conditions.

Tourists already rely on local web sites and businesses to publicize trail conditions and safety concerns - including thin ice. But getting locals to pay attention is sometimes a challenge, said Paul Argall, a member of the DNR's Snowmobile Advisory Committee and owner of PCBM Management Company in Ishpeming.

A statewide system that duplicates existing local services could be a lot of work for nothing, said Argall, whose company rents out snowmobiles and runs a local trail condition web site.

"A lot of the people who are probably on water might be local riders, but most of the people who use our business come up and ride the trails," he said. "There are a lot of areas that constantly update on the condition of their trails so people who want to come up here will check the web site."

Local businesses and groups had been publicizing dangerous ice conditions at Long and Houghton lakes before the recent drownings, said Bill Manson, executive director of the Grand Rapids-based Michigan Snowmobile Association and chair of the DNR's Snowmobile Advisory Committee.

"It was on the news and everyone was talking about it," he said. "At every trail system that went around the lakes, they talked about open water. All those areas were being noted."

The association supports efforts to require everyone born after 1985 to take a snowmobile safety education course to drive. That change wouldn't have affected the five drowning victims, who were between 25 and 58 years of age. Under current law, only drivers between the ages of 12 and 17 must take safety courses.

"Had they had safety education and talked about ice would it have helped? I don't know," Manson said. "But we're trying to do everything we can safety education-wise to get everyone informed."

## HONORS

Twenty-one Kirtland honors students have been named to the 2003 National Dean's List, the Kirtland Honors Program has announced.

Those named to the list include: Melissa Duvall and Heather Hibbard of Grayling; William B. Frampton and Margaret Bailer of Roscommon; and Debra J. Hollis, of South Branch.

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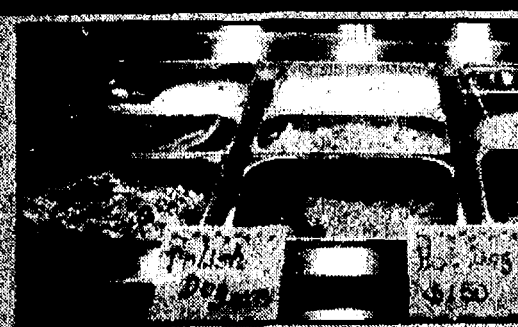
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## **Hospital board names two new trustees**

Mercy Hospital Grayling has added two new trustees to its Board of Trustees for 2003. Detroit resident, Sister Maureen Mulcrone, RSM, and Roscommon architect, Thomas J. O'Brien, were named to the Board of Trustees, effective January 1.

"I'm looking forward to serving on the board," said Sister Maureen. "I'm very familiar with the hospital and know that it's very progressive in its approach to holistic care. They (doctors and staff) are dedicated to serving the health care needs of their community and I'm delighted to be part of that."

Sister Maureen has held a

variety of managerial and executive positions within Trinity Health and Mercy Health Services beginning in 1978. Since 2001, she has served as Vice President, Mission Services and Holistic Health, Trinity Continuing Care Services.

From 1993 to 2002, Sister Maureen served on the Sisters of Mercy Health System Board of Directors in St. Louis, MO. From 1988 to 1997, she was a Trustee at Mercy College of Detroit, University of Detroit Mercy.

From 1986 to 1995, she was a Board Member of the Catherine McAuley Health System in Ann

Arbor.

"We look forward to the unique expertise that Sister Maureen brings to the Mercy Grayling Board in ensuring that our strategic goals support our mission," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

O'Brien, age 46, operates Thomas J. O'Brien Architect, Inc. in Roscommon. Prior to starting his business in July 2002, he was a partner at Rienschleger and O'Brien Architects, PC in Houghton Lake. From 1983 to 1992, he was employed as a job captain at Wah Yee Associates, Architects, and Planners in Southfield.

Active in his community, O'Brien is a member of the Roscommon Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Markey Christian Ministries, Diocese of Gaylord Cursillo Movement, and the Roscommon Chamber of Commerce.

O'Brien holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Architecture and Construction Engineering

from the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects - Michigan Society of Architects - Saginaw Chapter, and the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association.

"Tom brings valuable experience to the Mercy Grayling Board and I'm sure he'll play an important role," remarked Riemer-Matuzak.

Other members of the Mercy Hospital Grayling Board are Chairman Alan Bersted, MD of Grayling; Vice Chair Barbara Souder of Prudenville; Ralph Cerny of Traverse City; Michael Duncel of Grayling; M. Naomi Holysko, RSM of Pinconning; Paul Lerg of Grayling, Howard McColley of Roscommon, Joseph Porter of Grayling, Kolandaivelu Ramaswamy, MD of Grayling; Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak of Grayling; John Rockwood of Traverse City; Michael Slubowski of Novi; and Nancy Thompson, RSM of Farmington Hills.

## **KCC accepting nominations for 2003 Outstanding Alumnus**

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is seeking nominations for the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Candidates may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected previously are welcome to have their names re-submitted for consideration again.

Selection criteria include additional education beyond the Kirtland experience, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or in the field of education. The nominee must have graduated from

Kirtland in 1993 or before, with a certificate of completion or associate degree.

The alumnus selected will be recognized to speak briefly at the college's commencement ceremony on May 9.

The winner's name also will be engraved on a plaque in the Administration Center on campus.

Formal written nominations highlighting the above criteria must be sent by March 31 to Stacey Barnes, Director of Student Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI, 48653.

## **Credit union names new mortgage service team**

Tammy Biggar and Kiley Howes have been designated North Central Area Credit Union's (NCACU) Home Mortgage Service Team.

NCACU created this team operation to remain competitive with rates and closing costs, also to offer FHA, VA, and rural development loans along with conventional products.

Together, Biggar and Howes have been making great strides to enhance the mortgage operation.

"We are looking forward to having more efficient mortgage services to offer our members," said Biggar, the new Mortgage

Originator, who has worked for NCACU for 19 years.

Howes, the new Mortgage Processor, has been with the NCACU for three years and both have lived in Roscommon County all their lives.

Howes said, "I love my job. It's challenging. Tammy and I work well together and we have a lot in common."

Biggar meets with members to service their mortgage needs and Howes processes the information for NCACU. Together they work as a team to improve the services and add a personal hometown touch to NCACU's mortgage products.

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## Two Habitat homes welcome new families

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity dedicated two more homes during ceremonies conducted February 23.

"If you see more smiles on the already happy face of Joanna Cottenham, it is because she and her three young children now live in a newly refurbished Habitat home," explained Jeddy Hood, new Executive Director for the local chapter.

"The dedication ceremony blesses the home and all its rooms, and asks God's blessings on the home and family," Hood said.

A common misconception is that Habitat for Humanity gives these homes away for free, Hood remarked. "But, the family pays the mortgage and must also log 250 hours of 'sweat equity' working on their homes or other Habitat projects," she said.

A second home, just finished

with construction, was dedicated to a tearful, but very grateful Diane Fisk and her three children who are eager to get settled.

Members of the Habitat Board of Directors, volunteer workers, land donors, family and friends gathered for the two dedications February 23. "We are all very proud of these two young women," said Val Johnston, Habitat Board President, who also presented them with Bibles provided by the Gideon Society.

"Grant money is being sought for the construction, this year, of Crawford County's House #10," Hood said.

Anyone interested in volunteering time, either on the construction or other projects like fund-raisers, or donating goods or products, is urged to call the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity office at (989) 344-0804.



During a reception at the home, new Habitat homeowner Diane Fisk receives a gift from Dorothy Sorenson, who donated the land on which the Fisk home is built. Well-wishers included family and friends, as well as Habitat Board members, who enjoyed snacks and soft drinks and a tour of the new home.



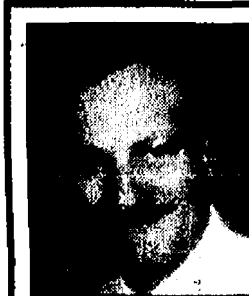
Diane Fisk (far right) and her daughters Danielle, Jessica (in back) and Kendra (front), were congratulated by land donor Dorothy Sorenson (far left) and Habitat Board President Val Johnston (center) at the dedication of their new home.



Holding her son, Louis, new Habitat homeowner Joanna Cottenham looks on as Habitat Family Support Chairman Therese Kaiser holds a ceremonial candle lit at every home dedication, while Habitat Executive Director Jeddy Hood reads the official blessing of the home in the company of friends and family.



Habitat Board President Val Johnston (left) was on hand to celebrate with Joanna Cottenham and her children, Louis, Coleman and Shelby the dedication of their new home.



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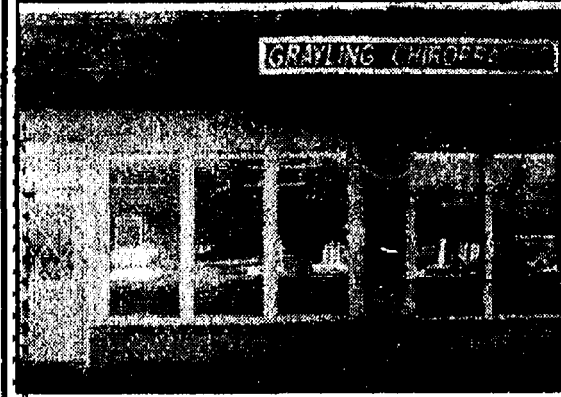
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## Free pipeline safety/incident response seminar offered

The Pipeline Group - Midwest will conduct a free pipeline safety/incident response seminar for contractors, excavators, public officials and emergency response personnel on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

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criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, three burglary/home invasion, two larceny, one forgery/counterfeiting, two drug/narcotics violation, six public peace disorderly, two OUIL/UBAL, two conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc., one driving on revoked/suspended/refused license.

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## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner, reports his department handled the following 45 complaints during the period from February 23-March 2:

One misdemeanor arrest, one criminal sexual conduct, one

assist other departments, three alarms, three juveniles, two disturbing the peace, two private property accidents, six traffic accidents, two suspicious situations, 16 unclassified, and eight traffic warnings.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 5 - 11, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 5 - 6, March 8 - 9, March 11.

The Range 40 Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Sherman Rd., South of Old State Road 618, and West of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will conduct military maneuvers and artillery firing on the following dates: March 7 - 9.

Small Arms Ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North

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## HONORS

### Central Michigan University

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### Missouri Valley College

Marianne Vollmer, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, having earned a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, with no grades below a C, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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### Northern Michigan University

Rachel Hunt and Colin Hunter, both of Grayling, have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, having earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 to 3.99.

## BIRTHS

John Smock of Grayling and Becky Harris of Lake City, announce the arrival of their daughter, Mackenzie Louise.

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## OBITUARIES

### August Raymond Osborne

April 7, 1941 - March 3, 2003

August Raymond Osborne, age 61, of Grayling, died on Monday, March 3, at Mercy Hospital. He was born in Detroit, on April 7, 1941 to John Elmer and Marion Marie (Bamberg) Osborne.

He was married to Carolyn Novack on July 2, 1964 in Mt. Clemens.

Mr. Osborne was retired from General Motors and lived at Higgins Lake before moving to Grayling four years ago. He was a member of the Grayling Baptist Church, Grayling Eagles, VVA of Roscommon and was a volunteer for Mercy Amicare Hospice.

He enjoyed pool and darts. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving Mr. Osborne are his wife, Carolyn; three daughters, Cheryl (George) Clottin of Higgins Lake, Lisa (Wayne) Horn of Flat Rock and Tammy Osborne of Huron Township; six grandchildren, Natasha, Jessica, Nicholas, Kaylee, Michelle and Thomas; two sisters, Ann (Jack) Blevins of Houghton Lake and Patricia Meadows of Clinton Township; two brothers, Jimmy (Lorie) Osborne of Waukegan, IL and John Osborne of Eastpointe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marion Marie Osborne.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 6 at 11 a.m. at the Grayling Baptist Church, with visitation on Wednesday, March 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home. Pastor Terry Colby will officiate.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Flora P. "Polly" Zanger

Nov. 2, 1954 - Feb. 26, 2003

Flora P. "Polly" Zanger, age 48, of Gaylord, died Wednesday, February 26 at her home. She was born on November 2, 1954 in Grayling to Leonard and Helen (Widrig) Jensen.

Mrs. Zanger had been employed by the First National Bank of Gaylord and Kohl's Department Store.

She is survived by her husband, Dan; four children, Michael (Lori) Moore of Grand Blanc, Meghan, Dawn and Heather Wright of Carsonville; two grandsons, Antonio and Jacob Moore; three sisters, Marlene (Richard) Hale of Gaylord, Shirley Granger of Grayling and Glada (Roy) Benaway of Gaylord; two brothers, William Earl (Jeanine) Jensen of Waters and Louis (Carol) Jensen of the Upper Peninsula; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Helen and her brother, Leonard.

Services were held at Nelson Funeral Home on March 1, officiated by Elder Ted Engel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

### Thomas Edison LeMire

May 27, 1949 - Feb. 27, 2003

Thomas Edison LeMire, age 53, of Roscommon, died on February 27, 2003.

Services were held at St. Michael Catholic Church, Roscommon, on March 3.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

### Alan Edward Trosell

July 2, 1956 - Feb. 23, 2003

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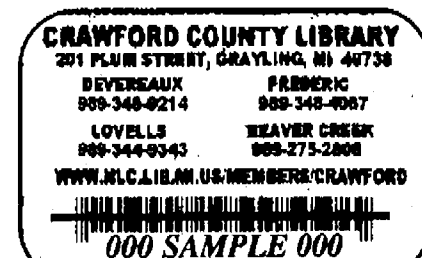
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## Ski team wins Grayling meet

► Vikings also finish 2nd out of 9 at Mt. Pleasant Invitational meet

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both finished first at the Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills on February 20.

The girls team scores were: Grayling 33, Roscommon 62, and Clare 71. (Lowest total wins.)

The Vikings were led by Heather Vandecar, who posted three team points with a 1st place finish in giant slalom (GS) and 2nd in slalom. Mallory Olson placed 1st in slalom and 4th in GS. Andria Alvarez was 6th in slalom and 2nd in GS. Kassie McClain placed 10th in slalom and 8th in GS. Jill Seager placed 9th in both events.

In the boys competition, Grayling scored 27 team points, Roscommon had 71, and Clare finished with 79.

The top skier for the Vikings was Trevor Clough, who placed 1st in slalom and 2nd in GS for three team points. Jon Handy placed 1st in GS and 4th in slalom for five points. Pat McNally finished 5th in slalom and 3rd in GS. Adam Gilbert was 7th in slalom and 5th in GS. Jim Jansen took 4th in GS and 8th in slalom despite a quick fall. Eric Hunter placed 7th in GS and fell in slalom, finishing 14th.

Combined medals were awarded to the top six skiers in

both the boys and girls competitions, with all schools being represented.

On Tuesday, February 18, both Grayling teams placed 2nd at the nine-team Mt. Pleasant Bryan Langlois Memorial Invitational Ski Meet at Snowsnake Mountain. Mt. Pleasant won both competitions.

Benzie, Clare, Roscommon, Farwell, and Saginaw Heritage also competed in the meet.

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See "SKI TEAM..."



The 2002-03 Grayling High School ski team: (front, left to right) Coach Mike Wieland, Heather Vandecar, Andria Alvarez, Kassie McClain, Jon Handy; (back, left to right) Mallory Olson, Adam Gilbert, Trevor Clough, Jessica Thomson, Eric Hunter, Jill Seager, Pat McNally, Anthony Neal, Jim Jansen.

## Vikings win at Tawas to earn a share of NEMC crown

► Grayling and Tawas both finish at 9 wins, 3 losses in league play

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team won at Tawas last Friday, securing a share of the North East Michigan Conference title.

Tawas went into the game - the last NEMC match for both teams - with a 9-2 league record. Grayling was 8-3 in the NEMC. With a 74-71 victory in Friday night's showdown vs. Tawas, the Vikings earned a piece of the league championship. (Bay City John Glenn took 2nd in the conference at 8-4, and Oscoda took 3rd at 7-5.)

"This was a great win for our kids and our school," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our team showed the toughness and poise that it took to win a game of this importance."

"We had a number of good performances," Coach Moffit said. "Our kids rose to the occasion a number of times in pressure situations. Travis Helsel, Caleb Mead, Andy Strohpaul, Roy Czapek, Chad Helsel, Phil Armstrong, Adam Kaiser, Gibson Tobin, Joe Zelek, Greg Morrii, Joe Lange, and Roger

### NORTH EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
*Tawas	9-3	15-4
*GRAYLING	9-3	13-7
BC John Glenn	8-4	11-9
Oscoda	7-5	13-7
Standish Sterling	4-8	6-14
Ogemaw Heights	3-9	6-14
Pinconning	2-10	4-16

\*NEMC Co-Champion

NEMC standings compiled by The Bay City Times

Alvarez came together and created the identity of this team."

At Tawas, Lange came up big for Grayling with a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. He also had eight blocked shots. Kaiser had a team-high 21 points and four steals. Tobin had eight points and a team-high 10 assists. T. Helsel, Czapek, Strohpaul, Alvarez, and Zelek also scored points in the match for GHS.

The 2002-03 season was Grayling's last in the North East Michigan Conference. Next season, GHS will be in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Junior Varsity: 57-37

Freshman: Grayling Vikings 59, Rosco Bucks 47

## GHS basketball teams defeat Roscommon

► Vikings post wins at Tawas and Roscommon in last games of year

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team finished its 2002-03 season with a 62-59 victory at Tawas last Friday. The team ended the year with an impressive 18-2 win/loss record.

Against Tawas, Grayling led 30-22 at halftime and 46-37

going into the fourth quarter. The Braves mounted a fourth quarter comeback, but the Vikings held them off to seal their 18th victory.

"It was an exciting game at the end, it was up for grabs," Coach Butch Hayes said. "Our kids did a good job to end it."

"We had a good season - a great group of kids that worked hard, played hard," Coach Hayes said.

Josh Hinkle was the leading

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See "JV SQUAD..."

► 9th grade team pulls ahead with a strong second half effort at RHS

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team posted a 59-47 victory over the Bucks of Roscommon at RHS last Tuesday.

Grayling struggled to minimize its turnovers in the first half, but the Vikings put together a strong second half -

including a 19-10 performance in the fourth quarter - to win the game.

Roscommon led 16-9 after one quarter and had a 23-21 edge at halftime.

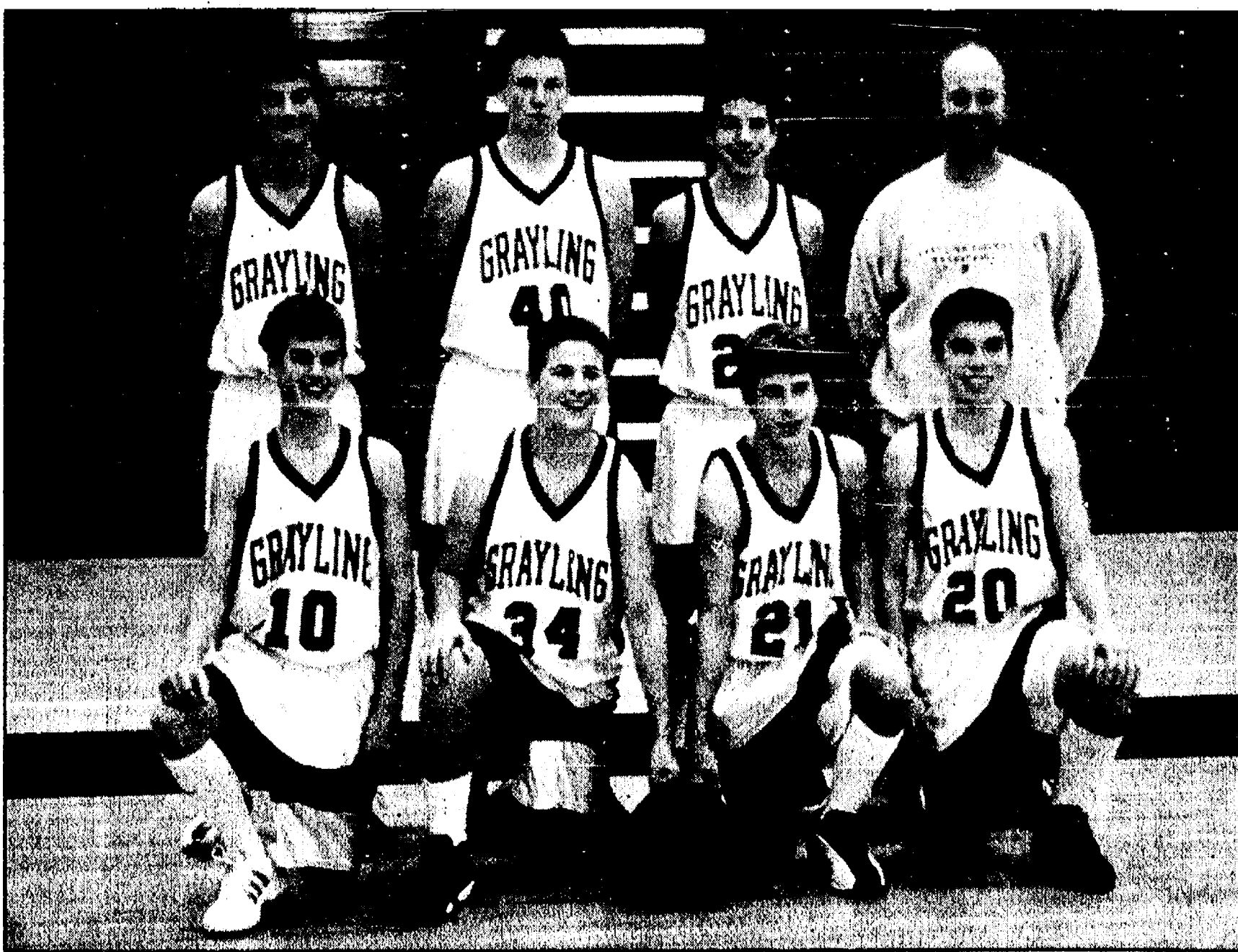
The Vikings scored their 21 first half points on (first quarter) a drive by Reagan Schmidt,

a shot inside and a jumper by Eli VanNuck, a jump shot by Zac Baker, a free throw by Ryan Feldhauser, (second quarter) four free throws by Schmidt, two shots inside by Baker, and a drive by Schmidt.

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See "FRESHMAN..."




Grayling guard Ryan Schmidt brings the ball up the floor in the game at Roscommon on Tuesday.



The 2002-03 Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team: (front, left to right) Ryan Feldhauser, Zeke Hayes, Eli VanNuck, Zac Baker; (back, left to right) J.C. Schneider, Zach Dean, Reagan Schmidt, Coach Joe Mau.






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**FOOT NOTES**

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Burger King Invitational medalists (boys competition): Trevor Clough (Grayling), 1st; Jon Handy (Grayling), 2nd; Ryan Bosworth (Roscommon), 3rd; Pat McNally (Grayling), 4th; Paul Mathon (Clare), 5th; Jim Jansen (Grayling), 6th.



Medalists (girls competition) at Grayling's Burger King Invitational: Heather Vandecar (Grayling), 1st; Mallory Olson (Grayling), 2nd; Andria Alvarez (Grayling), 3rd; Mandy Scott (Roscommon), 4th; Danielle Scott (Roscommon), 5th; Brenda Gordon (Clare), 6th.

## Ski team wins Grayling meet



Eric Hunter, a GHS senior, skis the giant slalom course at the Burger King Invitational.

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Grayling finished ahead of Benzie, a team that has qualified for the State Finals, 63-85 (boys) and 97-98 (girls).

Fifty-four skiers raced in each competition.

In the boys competition, Grayling was led by Trevor Clough, who placed 3rd in slalom and 10th in giant slalom. Hunter took 8th and 5th. McNally finished 9th and 6th. Jansen was 13th and 12th, Hunter took 11th and 17th, Gilbert placed 18th in GS, and Anthony Neal placed 24th in slalom.

"The boys skied very well and were happy to show the Benzie Central team that had beaten them at the Regional that they are a much better team than the



Andria Alvarez (above), a senior, and freshman Jill Seager (below) compete in the slalom event at the Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills.



## GHS sophomore skis at State Meet

► Trevor Clough is 3rd 10th grader from Grayling to make State Finals

GHS skier Trevor Clough – the third individual from Grayling to qualify for the State Ski Finals as a sophomore – skied at the State Meet on Monday, February 24, at Nubs Nob near Harbor Springs. (Karen Reynolds and Katie Olson were the other two GHS skiers to reach the State Finals as sophomores.)

Nine teams and 15 individual qualifiers raced at the State Meet on Monday.

Clough only participated in the slalom event and spent the morning studying the slalom course while the girls raced on it.

Clough's first run time – 36.89 seconds – put him in the upper half of the 68 racers competing.

"The second course was a little more difficult and Trevor was

scheduled to race third from the last. The upper part of the race was real good but a deep rut formed just over a ridge entering a steep part of the hill and Trevor didn't come out of the rut on the correct line and missed a gate. It was only a short climb back up, but when you're racing the best you lose a lot of spots in the final

position," said Mike Wieland, GHS ski coach.

Clough finished 46th. "If he would have skied comparable to his first run, comparing him to other racers he would have finished around 26th or 27th. The experience will be useful for the next two years," Coach Wieland said.



Trevor Clough

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## Junior Cheerleaders perform at GHS



Photo courtesy of Gail Belcher

Over 100 Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary students performed several cheers and a dance routine at halftime of the February 18 JV boys basketball game at GHS. The performance was the culmination of a cheerleading clinic conducted by the GHS cheer program's coaches and cheerleaders.

## JV squad finishes the season at 18-2

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scorer for Grayling at Tawas with 16 points. Bobby Starks finished with 15 and Ryan Schmidt scored 12. Josh Millikin, Russ Peters, Matt Swope, Ryan Davis, and Jess Bobenmoyer also scored for GHS in the contest.

On Tuesday, the team defeated the Bucks of Roscommon at RHS by a final score of 57-37.

Grayling took a big lead early with a 19-6 first quarter.

The Vikings scored their 19 first period points on a jump shot by Davis, a fast break lay-up by Davis, a shot inside by Starks, two drives by Davis, a shot inside by Millikin, a triple by Bobenmoyer, and free throws by Hinkle, Davis, and Starks.

Both teams scored 10 points in the second quarter to leave Grayling's lead at 13. The Vikings scored their 10 on a jumper by Davis, a drive by Bobenmoyer, a shot inside by Hinkle, a drive by Starks, and a put-back by Starks.

GHS led 29-16 at the half.

The Vikings edged Roscommon 15-14 in the third quarter despite a cold spell on offense in the middle of the period. Grayling's 15 points included a three-point play by Bobenmoyer, a drive by Hinkle, a shot inside by Peters, a shot inside by Hinkle, and free throws by D.J. Metzger, Hinkle, and Davis.

The Vikings put together a solid finish with a 13-7 fourth period.

Grayling scored fourth quarter points on a put-back by Starks, a drive by Davis, a triple by Hinkle, a drive by Schmidt, and free throws by Hinkle, Starks, and Peters.

GHS won by a final score of 57-37.

On Friday, February 21, the Vikings lost a close game at West Branch Ogemaw Heights 59-55.

"It was a very intense game," said Coach Hayes. "We had opportunities in the fourth quarter but we were 2 for 8 from the (free throw) line. We did not take care of the ball and had turnovers late."



Ryan Davis defends a Roscommon in-bounds play on Tuesday night at RHS.

Hinkle was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. Davis, Millikin, Starks, Swope, Metzger also scored for Grayling. Schmidt, Bobenmoyer, and in the match.

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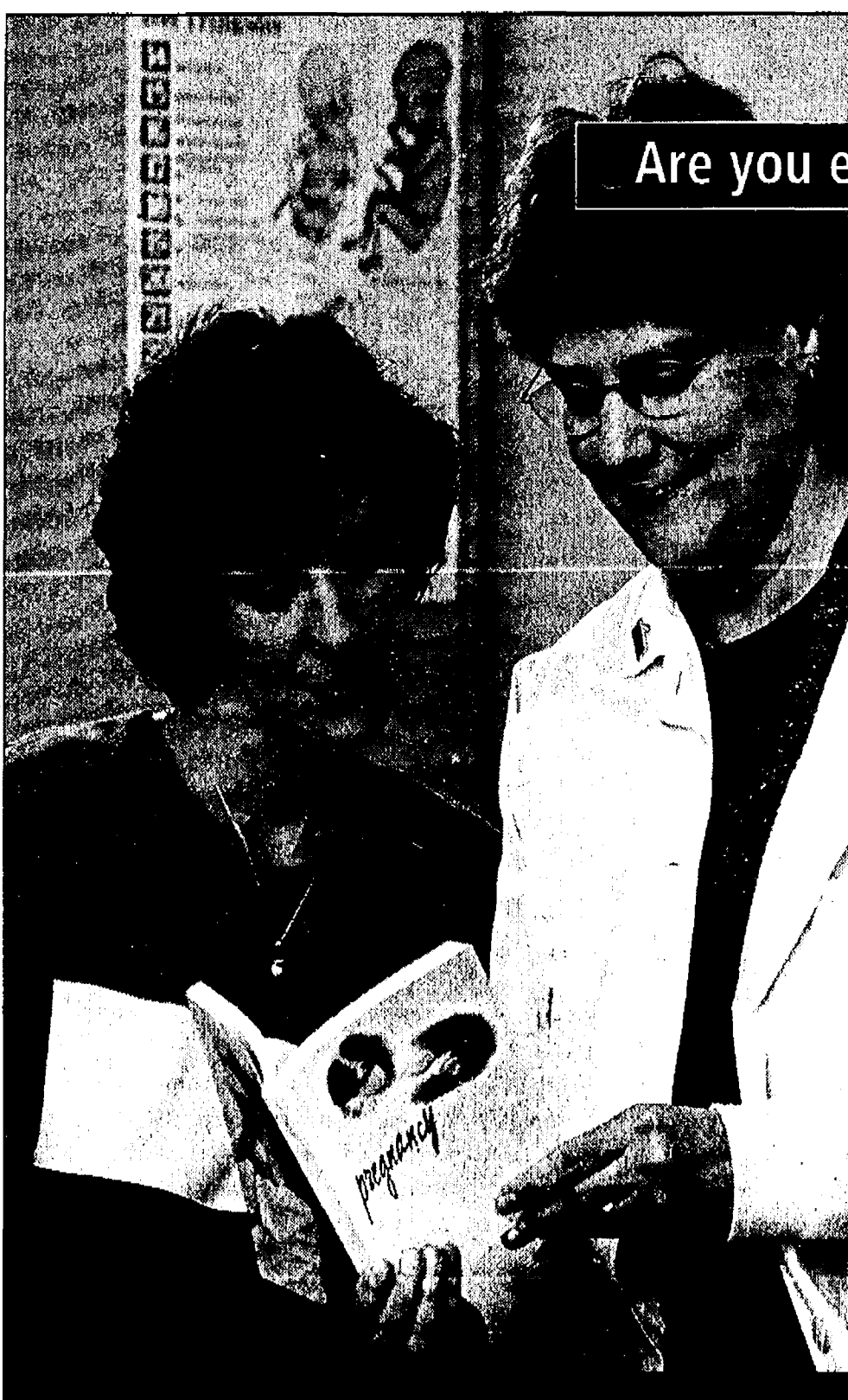
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Vikings lose by 13 at Roscommon

► Bucks defeat Grayling for the second time this season

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School lost a non-conference varsity boys basketball battle at Roscommon last Tuesday 77-64.

It was Grayling's second loss to the Bucks this year. In both games, Grayling's defense struggled to contain Roscommon's scoring attack. The Vikings surrendered 72 points in the first GHS vs. RHS contest, and they gave up 77 points last week.

Roscommon opened Tuesday night's game at RHS with a triple. A triple by Travis Helsel and three-point plays by Gibson Tobin and Roy Czapek put Grayling up 9-3. Roscommon pulled within three with the second of its three first quarter triples. Grayling scored four points on a jumper and two free throws by Joe Lange, and Roscommon scored four on two shots inside, leaving Grayling's advantage at three. A shot inside by Tobin on a pass from Czapek put the Vikings up by five.

The Bucks outscored Grayling 9-2 in the remainder of the first period to lead 19-17 going into the second quarter.

A lay-up by Czapek tied the game at 19-19. Two triples by Roscommon put the Bucks up by six. Grayling answered with a three-pointer by Helsel.

Roscommon edged GHS 11-7 in the last five minutes of the second quarter to lead 36-29 at half-time. Grayling's seven points included a basket by Adam Kaiser, a put-back by Roger Alvarez, and free throws by Helsel and Tobin.

The Bucks outscored Grayling 16-14 in the third period. The Vikings scored their 14 on a lay-up by Andy Strohpaal, drives by

Helsel and Strohpaal, and free throws by Tobin (5 for 6), Helsel (2 for 2), and Strohpaal.

Grayling scored the first basket of the fourth quarter – a put-back by Lange – to pull within seven. A 6-0 run by Roscommon put the Bucks ahead by 13.

The Vikings scored four points on two drives by Tobin. Roscommon answered with another 6-0 run.

The Vikings responded with a 6-0 drive of their own. The run – which included a jumper by Strohpaal, two free throws by Helsel, and a jump shot by Czapek – cut Roscommon's lead back to 11, 66-55.

The Bucks went up by 13 on a pair of free throws. Grayling scored two on a pair of free throws by Alvarez.

A triple by Chad Helsel and two free throws by T. Helsel pulled Grayling within striking distance at 70-62 with 2:46 left in regulation.

From there, Roscommon picked up the pace and outscored Grayling 7-2 down the stretch. The Bucks won the game by a final score of 77-64.

T. Helsel led Grayling in scoring with 18 points. Tobin added 15.

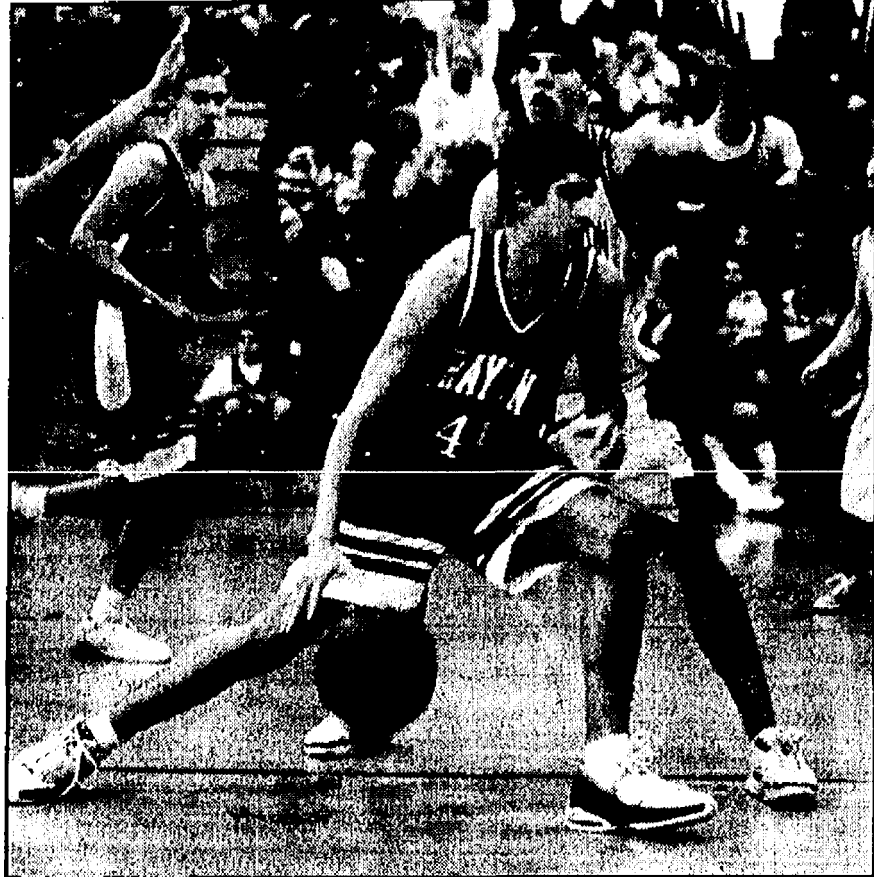
For Roscommon, five players reached double digits in scoring. Jason Britton led the squad with a game-high 19 points. Warren Wahl added 16, Adam Benaway finished with 14, Josh Burmeister scored 12, and Kyle Gross had 11.

On Monday night, Grayling faced Roscommon for a third time this season – this time in a District Tournament play-off game. Roscommon won the match 66-63 in overtime, eliminating the Vikings from the tournament and ending their season. The Bucks advanced to the District semi-finals with the victory.

For more on the Grayling vs. Roscommon District game, see next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.



Grayling guard Gibson Tobin drives in for a lay-up in Tuesday night's varsity match at Roscommon.



Joe Lange handles the ball near the key for GHS in the game at Roscommon last week.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Freshman team beats Bucks by 12



Eli VanNuck brings the ball up the court for Grayling in the game against Roscommon on Tuesday.

Photo by Caleb Casey

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Grayling scored the first basket of the second half – a shot inside by Feldhauser – to tie the game at 23-23. Roscommon scored, and a jumper by Baker tied the game.

The Bucks went up by five on a shot inside and a triple. A jumper by Schmidt pulled Grayling within three. Roscommon scored a two-point bucket to go back up by five.

Grayling went on a 9-1 run to take a three-point lead. The run included a three-pointer by Baker and three baskets by Schmidt. Two free throws by Roscommon cut Grayling's lead to one. A jump shot by VanNuck put GHS back up by three.

A drive by VanNuck – the last basket of the third quarter – gave Grayling a 40-37 lead going into the fourth period.

With free throws by Schmidt, Baker, and Zach Dean and a lay-up by Feldhauser, Grayling led 45-37. Roscommon scored the next two baskets to pull within four. A free throw by Dean and a jump shot by J.C. Schrieider gave the Vikings a seven-point advantage, 48-41, with 4:37 left in regulation.

A drive and a three-point play by VanNuck gave Grayling a 10-point lead with 2:36 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Vikings scored six more points down the stretch – all on free throws – and won the game by 12, 59-47.

"After a rough start, the boys really began to play solid team defense in the second half," Coach Joe Mau said. "Reagan Schmidt, Zac Baker, and Eli VanNuck really picked us up both offensively and defensively in the second half by attacking the basket, the glass, and playing the passing lanes. Although the stats don't show it, Zach Dean also had a strong game on the boards."

Schmidt finished with a team-high 20 points and four steals. VanNuck had 15 points, six steals, and four rebounds. Baker added 14 points and a team-high nine rebounds. Feldhauser had five points and five steals.

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# KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

## Mens Team

**ROSCOMMON** - Kirtland's men's basketball program is growing up in a hurry. In just their second full season as members of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, the Firebirds qualified for the post-season state tournament with an 80-65 victory over St. Clair.

The win ensured the Firebirds of finishing in the top six among 10 teams of the league's Eastern Conference.

Last season, Kirtland's first in the MCCA, the Firebirds missed earning a playoff berth in the final week of the season.

"Making the playoffs in itself is not much of a mark," Coach Glen Donahue said, "but doing something in the tournament will be."

In other words, Kirtland isn't happy just being there.

Donahue likes his team's chances now that most of his players are healthy and the team is showing signs of playing well together in two straight wins that followed six consecutive losses.

"We've got 12 of our 13 guys healthy, and that's the most we've had all season," he said. Only guard Terrance Coker (broken foot) was unavailable. "Now if we can get those 12 guys to really gel, we have a chance to get some things done."

In the St. Clair game, sophomore guard Jake Milarch scored 19 points while Alvaídas Gedminas had 11 points with 15 rebounds. Eugene Phillips and Reuben Edwards had 13 points each in Kirtland's second straight victory. They improved to 6-6 in the MCCA and 11-14 overall.

St. Clair's Mike Didio led all scorers with 23 points. He made seven of nine shots from three-point range to help his team stay within range until the closing minutes. The Skippers fell to 1-11 in the conference and 3-23 overall.

**ALPENA** - In a comeback that began with a punch, Kirtland fought back from a 17-point half-time deficit Wednesday night for an 86-82 victory over northern archrival Alpena. Sophomore center Alvaídas Gedminas led the way with 32 points and 21 rebounds.

Alpena led 42-25 at the half. But early in the second period,

Kirtland's Eugene Phillips and Alpena's Drew Kemp were ejected for fighting, an incident that seemed to fuel the visitors' comeback. Jeremy Rau scored 14 points and had eight rebounds and Jake Milarch had 12 points for the Firebirds, winners of three straight.

Gedminas, the nation's fourth-leading junior college rebounder, had just four fewer rebounds than the entire Alpena team. The victory in the conference finale for both teams improved Kirtland to 7-6 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 12-14 overall.

Justin Miller had 20 points to lead Alpena, 7-6 in the conference and 19-8 overall.

**DETROIT** - Leave it to a coach to find a dark lining in a silver cloud. So it was for Kirtland's Glen Donahue after his team's heartbreaking, 73-70 loss last Monday at Wayne in the first round of the state tournament.

For a second-year team to even qualify for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament should have been reason to celebrate. Finishing tied for fourth in the tough, 10-team Eastern Conference should have been a point of pride for a young program.

And it was, to just about everybody around Kirtland except Donahue and his team.

"I don't see it that way," said Donahue, a legend in college basketball circles with more wins to his credit (666) than any coach in Michigan collegiate history. "It's really disappointing because I thought we were better than that from the start of the season. We really thought we could move on in this tournament."

"We finished tied for fourth in the conference, but we were 0-6 against the three teams ahead of us in our conference - Schoolcraft, Mott and Wayne. If we want to move into the top echelon of teams, we've got to be able to compete with them a little better."

Now the Firebirds have only one more chance to prove they're as good as Donahue thought they were when the season opened in October. They'll compete in the Region XII tournament of com-

munity college Division I schools, including Schoolcraft, ranked among the nation's best junior college teams all season, Lansing, and Vincennes (Indiana) University, Kirtland's opening-round opponent.

Meantime, Donahue hopes to correct some ball-handling problems that cost his team a win Monday against Wayne.

Kirtland turned the ball over 24 times, 14 in the first half. Still, they were in a position to win the game if they could have made a few plays, a few shots, in the closing minutes.

"Late-game situations hurt us," Donahue said. "We made some bad turnovers. We missed some shots. Everything it takes to lose a game by three points, we managed to do. The turnovers really hurt, because they were unforced errors - and everybody was guilty."

Wayne's Loren Byrd scored 22 points and Anthony Butler added 15 to pace the victors, who improved to 13-10 overall.

Reuben Edwards led Kirtland with 15 points. Vaughan Gray had 14, Jake Milarch had 13, and Alvaídas Gedminas added 12. The 'Birds fell to 13-15 overall.

## Womens Team

**ALPENA** - Becca Miller scored 31 points and had eight rebounds to lead Kirtland to a 75-37 win over northern rival Alpena.

Jeni Kemp had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Lori Hinkle added 12 points with eight rebounds to help Kirtland, which had lost six of its previous seven games. The Lady Firebirds improved to 3-10 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 8-18 overall.

Noni Parker led Alpena with eight points. The Lady Lumberjacks finish winless (0-13) in the conference. They're 2-22 overall.

**ROSCOMMON** - After ending their frustrating, injury-filled season with two lopsided victories, the Kirtland Lady Firebirds left their coach feeling vindicated. This was more like it, Jimmy Parker said.

"These last two games, this is what I expected from our team right from the start," Parker said after his team's 95-69 victory

Saturday over Fanshawe, a college in Sarnia, Ontario.

The win followed a 75-37 thrashing of archrival Alpena the previous Wednesday. The wins followed a string of six losses in seven games during which the Ladybirds played an entire game with just five players and another with six because of injuries and suspensions.

They finished with a 9-18 overall record, which is five fewer wins than the previous year.

"To be honest, I'm disappointed with our season because I think we had a lot more talent than our record shows - as these girls proved in our last two games," Parker said.

"Alpena didn't play that badly the other night. That's such a good rivalry and the girls on both sides take it so seriously. But in the second half of that game, especially, we played like I thought we were capable of playing all year long - and it was no contest."

The injuries were frustrating. Starting center Jillian Schultz was hampered the last month of the season with a sprained wrist. Starting forward Jeni Kemp missed games with an ankle injury but also played hurt the second half of the season with an arm injury and a broken nose. Forward Angela Krugner missed several games near the end of the season due to a leg injury sustained in an auto accident. Reserve forward Anna Umlor missed most of the second half of the season with a shoulder injury. Reserve guard Brianna Glasscox played on one leg because of a knee injury the second half. Utility player Erika Seifert missed all season with a foot injury.

But it was an undercurrent of off-court problems that was especially maddening for Parker and some team members. One player quit, when she walked off the court, threw her jersey at the bench and went straight to the dressing room to change clothes in the middle of a game. She and two members of the team were involved in an early morning auto accident that resulted in the suspensions of both players for two games.

"It seemed like it was one

thing after another," Parker said.

But on the rare occasion things went well for the Lady Firebirds, they went very well. Like when leading scorer Becca Miller netted 31 points against Alpena. For an encore in the final game of her redoubtable career at Kirtland, she scored 21 points and contributed six rebounds, four assists and five steals in the win over Fanshawe.

Backcourt mate Amy Jordan had 16 points, five assists and eight steals, underscoring the challenges Parker faces in recruiting a pair of guards to fill the big shoes of his two co-captains.

"Extremely difficult," Parker said of the daunting task. "Those are two girls who were so dedicated to their team and to the game of basketball. As a coach, you wish for players like that on your team. And for me, it was a privilege to have two players like Becca and Amy."

Also against Fanshawe, Jeni Kemp finished a strong freshman season with a double-double - 19 points and 10 assists, and Raquel Bates, the team's most improved player, contributed six points and 12 rebounds.

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## GRA WRESTLING

On Saturday, March 1, the Grayling Recreation Authority youth wrestling team competed in the Grayling Middle School wrestling tournament at Grayling High School.

Placements for Grayling included:

1st - Derek Babbitt, Shayla Grove, Zach Wolcott;

2nd - Zak Mack, Calvin Kangas, Luke Schneider, Austin Harris, Joey Contreras;

3rd - Kyle Schmidt, Cody Elmy, Ashton Linkhart, Daniel DuVall, Matt Townsend, Kyle Peters;

4th - Joey Schwartz, Scott Taylor.

## GMS WRESTLING

The Grayling Middle School wrestling team hosted a 12-team tournament at Grayling High School on Saturday, March 1.

Placements for Grayling included:

1st - Ben Brown, Mykel Revord, Josh Partello, Daniel CdeBaca, Corey Metzger, Tim Pettit (Pettit was visiting from

Rochester Hills);

2nd - Cody Collen, Eric Madill, Jeff Woolsey, Jeff Bancroft, Jeff Harwood, Keith Revord;

3rd - Doug Galthro, Shane Grove, Cody Malone, Stephen Grove, James Haight;

4th - Tory Myers, Krystal Babbitt, Cory Shear.

## ANNOUNCING

## WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

A variety of women's health services are offered through Mercy Hospital Grayling, including: cancer screenings, general obstetrics and gynecology, preconception counseling, surgical services, and prenatal and postpartum care. Our team provides specialized care in Grayling, Roscommon, and Prudenville. For an appointment, call (989) 348-1212. Women's health services are provided by:



**Marj Kelsey, FNP**  
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Marj Kelsey is a Certified Nurse Practitioner. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, and received her graduate degree from Michigan State University. She has been part of the Mercy Hospital Grayling staff since 1987 and began her work as a Nurse Practitioner in 1995.



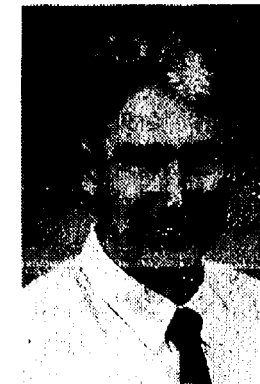
**David LaGattuta, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

David A. LaGattuta, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. LaGattuta completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University. Dr. LaGattuta began practicing at Mercy Hospital Grayling in 1996.



**Vincent E. Schultz, MD**  
Family Practice/Obstetrics

Vincent E. Schultz, MD, is a specialist in Family Practice and Obstetrics. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Schultz completed his residency in Family Practice at Midland Family Practice and fellowship in Obstetrics in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Schultz joined Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2001.



**Carl F. Schubert, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Carl F. Schubert, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Schubert completed his medical education at Wayne State University in 1989, and practiced in Alpena before joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002.

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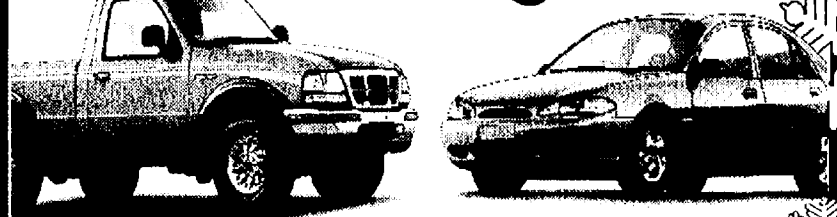
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## LEGAL ACTION

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

File No. 03-6587-DE  
Estate of Robert James Palm  
Date of Birth: 10/28/45

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Robert James Palm, who lived at 4161 White Pine, Roscommon, Michigan died February 12, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Edward O. Palm, 2200 Concord Drive, Lakewood, Ohio, 44107, named personal representative or proposed personal representative.

## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund, and Library Fund for fiscal year 2003-2004 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The budgets will be accepted at a special meeting of the board on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

## NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, times, and places of all its regular meetings during the 2003-2004 fiscal year as follows:

All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.

All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 8, 2003  
May 13, 2003  
June 10, 2003  
July 8, 2003  
August 12, 2003  
September 9, 2003

October 14, 2003  
November 11, 2003  
December 9, 2003  
January 13, 2004  
February 10, 2004  
March 9, 2004

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on Monday, April 7, 2003 and Monday, October 6, 2003.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4th, at 4:00 p.m., with taxpayers Monday, March 10th from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 13th from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. The board also meets Tuesday, July 22nd and Tuesday, December 9th, 2003.

All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

# Red Hacker basketball returns to Kirtland

ROSCOMMON - Red Hacker basketball, one of the region's most popular playground hoops tournaments, returns to Kirtland Community College on May 31.

In the past two years, the three-on-three and four-on-four competition drew upwards of 80 teams.

### Divisions and entry fees

Three-on-three half court: Men/Women/Girls/Boys; 10 and under to adult; Up to four players per team, \$96 per team. Every player gets a T-Shirt and a minimum of three games.

Four-on-four full court: Men and boys, 15 and under to adult,

nine-foot and 10-foot rim options; Up to six players per team, \$138 per team. Men & Boys; 15 & Under to Adult. Every player gets a T-Shirt and a minimum of three games.

All games will be officiated.

Individual trophies are awarded to each player on the first and

second place teams from each division. T-shirts are awarded to each player on teams winning the consolation "Dogg House" divisions.

Registration entries must be postmarked by May 17 and will be accepted until May 25, 2003 for a \$10 late fee.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion . . . . . 32 - 16  
Northern Cafe . . . . . 27 - 21  
Double Trouble . . . . . 27 - 21  
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 23 - 25  
Charles Country Corner . 23 - 25  
Fick & Sons . . . . . 22 - 26  
Ken's Tire & Auto . . . . . 20 - 28  
Piehl's Sawmill . . . . . 17 - 31  
High Series Men: B. Trudeau, 615; R. Marwede, 597; S. Miller, 552.  
High Game Men: R. Marwede, 236; B. Trudeau, 214; P. Lewis, 212; C. Hanson, 212; S. Miller, 212.  
High Series Women: D. Medina, 527; S. Johnson, 506; S. France, 482.  
High Game Women: S. Johnson,

197; D. Medina, 191; K. Trudeau, 173.

### American Men's League

Helsel Forest Products 32.5 - 16.5  
Warren Forest Product 28.5 - 20.5  
McLean's Ace . . . . . 27 - 22  
Moore's Automotive . . . 24 - 25  
Fenton's Auto Service . . 23 - 26  
GADCO . . . . . 21 - 28  
Forest Brothers . . . . . 21 - 28  
Scheer Motors . . . . . 19 - 30  
High Series: L. Davis, 672; D. Yanniello, 648; B. Palmer, 600.  
High Game: L. Davis, 265; B. Palmer, 257; P. Faustman, 241.

### Pioneer League

South Side River Rats . . 29 - 11  
Avalanche . . . . . 28 - 12  
Rochette's . . . . . 23 - 17  
The Ice House . . . . . 19.5 - 20.5  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 18.5 - 21.5  
Custom Interior . . . . . 17 - 23  
Chemical Bank . . . . . 13 - 27  
McDonald's of Grayling 12 - 28  
High Series: C. Clark, 572; S. France, 522; N. Glasslee, 519; J. Cousins, 517.  
High Game: J. Cousins, 282; C. Clark, 201; K. Moshier, 195; N. Glasslee, 195.

### Recreation

Gale Enterprises . . . . . 27 - 13  
Woody Girls' . . . . . 22 - 18  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . . . 21 - 19  
Chicken Little Joint Pro. 20 - 20  
Peterson's Saw Service . 20 - 20  
Glens' Market . . . . . 18 - 22

Mickey Perez CPA . . . . 18 - 22  
Coldwell Bankers . . . . 14 - 26  
High Series: K. Laughton, 538; V. Balmes, 511; L. Dellar, 480; H. Stairs, 476.  
High Game: K. Laughton, 202; V. Balmes, 196; L. Dellar, 193; L. Hanson, 182.

### Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy . . . 65.5 - 26.5  
Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . 47 - 45  
Cornell Insurance . . . . 45.5 - 46.5  
Gray Rock . . . . . 45 - 47  
Flowers By Josie . . . . . 42.5 - 49.5  
Sylvester's Sports . . . . 42.5 - 49.5  
Hall's Snow Removal . . . 41 - 51  
Buccilli's Pizza . . . . . 38 - 54  
High Series Men: K. Harris, 599; G. Wolfe, 562; D. Germain, 488; K. Louchart, 488.  
High Game Men: G. Wolfe, 232; K. Harris, 219; D. Germain, 204.  
High Series Women: P. Harris, 503; R. Joyce, 494; M. Baker, 457.  
High Game Women: R. Joyce, 201; W. Finkbeiner, 190; P. Harris, 182.

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 54 - 23  
D.X.R. Computers . . . . . 50 - 27  
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . . 43 - 34  
Spark's . . . . . 42 - 35  
Little Tyke Day Care . . . 39 - 38  
North Pure Ice . . . . . 29 - 48  
Shady Acres . . . . . 27 - 50  
Calkin's Excavating . . . . 24 - 53

part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence West 4 rods for a point of beginning, thence West 10 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 10 rods, thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003

For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
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Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
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-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Larkin a married woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 570 on Page 410 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Eight and 54/100 dollars (\$51,088.54), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

County Records and was assigned by an assignment dated March 31, 2000 to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$763,163.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

### Parcel H

Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00

The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003

Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee

38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

**STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**  
200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03 5971 CH (D)  
Lynn G. Kruse, Trustee of the Goetsch Living Trust  
Frances T. Hixson  
Estate of Phyllis A. Brock  
Ellen Eid  
Estate of Roland E. Towne  
Faye D. Sullivan  
Polly Mae Bechtel  
Estate of Kimberly Ford  
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Estate of Laurice Anderson  
Estate of Jeffery Ford  
Estate of Alice G. Murray  
Estate of John Daniel Murray  
Dale F. Murray  
Fredric R. Murray  
Terry Douglas Strickland  
Estate of Mabel Larson  
Helen A. Thomey  
TO: All Defendants listed  
IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to partition the following-described properties: SW4 of NW4 of Sec 16, T25N, R4W AND SE4 of SE4 of Sec 18, T25N, R4W, Beaver Creek Township Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 10, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: February 18, 2003  
Judge F. Murphy (for)  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588

-27-06-13

## FREDERIC TWP. NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tues., March 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frederic Twp. Hall, Kelly Ave., Frederic, MI 49733. Phone: 989-348-8778.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers wishing to appeal their assessments as follows

Mon., March 10, 2003 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
Sat., March 15, 2003 9:00 A.M. - 12 Noon  
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Ronald D. Lewis  
Frederic Twp. Supervisor



# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay, husband and wife, whose address is 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Mortgage & Investment Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

### Parcel C-1

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 162.28 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 162.28 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 275.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with the right of ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement over said Section 11, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point of the Easterly right-of-way line of Old U.S. 27 Highway, located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending. P.P. #030-011-016-030-03 which has an address of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003  
Drafted By:  
William M. Azkoul (P40071)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
161 Ottawa Ave., NW  
Suite 205-C  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 458-1315  
Northpointe Bank  
770 Kenmoor SE

Suite 201  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey F. Knirk and Vickie L. Knirk, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2001, and recorded on July 20, 2001 in Liber 0542 on Page 575 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated May 17, 2001, which was recorded on August 8, 2002, in Liber 591 on Page 380, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 60/100 dollars (\$56,902.60), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 523, Indian Glens of the Ausable Unit 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1-14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312634  
Team S

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles W. Pizzi, a separated man (a single man) (original mortgagor) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1999, and recorded on January 6, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 45 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment which was recorded on October 18, 2000, in Liber 520 on Page 600 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$41,458.74), including interest at 8.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeasterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, of original plat of the Village of Grayling (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312104  
Team D

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenley Bielby and Caroline Rosser, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors) to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2000, and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 526 on Page 164 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001, in Liber 526 on Page 171 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100 dollars (\$78,865.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 2, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313924  
Team J

-27-06-13-20

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CRAWFORD AND ROSCOMMON COUNTIES

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is announcing the availability of grants for community-based primary and secondary prevention programs and services. CTF will be funding programs that promote strong, nurturing families and prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

These grants, which will be awarded in October of 2003, are for three years of funding (on a declining fee scale). Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Types of funding include new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

Any organization that applies is required to provide matching funds for dollars requested and granted. All applications must be reviewed by CTF local council in the applicant's area prior to submission to CTF for consideration. The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC) will review applications at its March 13, 2002 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CRCPC, P.O. Box 2, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than Friday, March 7, 2003. Applications must be received in the CTF office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003.

CTF has a complete set of guidelines available to organizations. For a guideline packet or further information contact Sherry Rosin, Director CRCPC at 989-275-5101.

The CRCPC is also funding mini-grants to local agencies and organizations. The same criteria applies, as stated above, only on a smaller scale.

### GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

#### Case No. 02-5949-CH

Jeffrey Norman Nelson, Jr.  
c/o Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
800 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159,  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770  
Edwin G. Nelson  
10842 Chase Bridge  
Roscommon, Michigan 48653  
TO: Edwin G. Nelson  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to land in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, further described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:

Parcel 4: Being a part of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4), Section 28, Town 25 North, Range, 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28 and running thence North 619.3 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 89° 18' West 711.66 feet; thence North 0° 03' East 178.0 feet; thence South 89° 18' East 711.51 feet; thence South 178.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 31, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and at the Roscommon City Post Office for three consecutive weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Edwin G. Nelson at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: January 31, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Broughton & Vollbach Law Office  
808 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770

-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Francis E. McRae Jr. and Lillian A. McRae, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank, successor-in-interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of September, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 465 of Crawford Records, on page 247, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$44,749.45 (Forty four thousand, Seven hundred forty nine dollars and forty five cents) including interest there on at 7.99% (seven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, A.D., 2003, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the

highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof

Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane  
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR# 02694431  
Property to be posted:  
302 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front

door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire Six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002  
Patrick Timothy Reid, II  
REID AND REID  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
Business & Trade Center  
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400  
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384  
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

-06-13-20-07-06

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

File No. 03-6586-DE  
Estate of Carolyn Mary Murphy  
Date of Birth: 02/29/32  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Carolyn Mary Murphy, who lived at 603 Maple Street, Grayling, Michigan died January 5, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Linda M. Bentley, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 21, 2003  
Linda M. Bentley  
8308 W. Batterson Road  
Frederic, Michigan, 49733  
989-348-8274

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## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738; (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2003, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 13th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	49.24
Industrial	49.58
Residential	49.25

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-3: Tom Lampane, petitioner  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 8  
045-760-01-033-00  
Lots 33-36, Block 1, Portage Heights Sub.  
10045 Portage Heights Ave.  
R-2 Zone

A request to construct a 24' x 22' detached accessory building 5' from the west side lot line, a variance of 5'.

Case #03-4: Daniel D. Smock, petitioner  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 13  
045-700-00-031-00 & 045-700-00-035-00  
Lots 31-35, Pine Point Sub.  
6438 M-72 West  
C-1 Zone.

A request to construct a car wash facility and equipment storage building. Closest point of construction 10' to the front lot line, a variance of 65', and 12.5' from the rear lot line, a variance of 12.5'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton  
Township Clerk

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 4, 2003 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 10, 2003 9am - noon  
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 13, 2003 1pm - 4pm  
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
March 6, 1980

Three area residents received recognition for their law enforcement efforts last year and were honored and named "Citizens of the Year."

Named "Citizens of the Year," were downtown Ben Franklin Store employees Eunice Weaver and Garnetta Findlay, whose efforts last year foiled an armed robbery attempt at the store.

Mrs. Dolores Haberland of Lovells, was also named "Citizen of the Year." She was cited for providing information that led to the arrests of three suspects in an attempted robbery at the Nash Camp in Lovells.

On behalf of the Grayling Beautification Committee-Bill Kelly, Committee Vice Chairman accepted a check for \$150 presented by Bob Bovee of the Grayling Kiwanis Club. The money will be used to pay part of the cost of the "Welcome to Grayling" signs recently installed by the Beautification Committee at all entrances to the City.

Gus Konopnicki spent two weeks at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics as one of the Americans who volunteered their time as support personnel.

Gus said he has once-in-a-lifetime memories of the event.

Governor William G. Milliken announced the approval of \$634,533 in federal grants.

Approved for Crawford County was \$10,500 to help pave and improve the access road from Business U.S. 27 to McNamara Airport.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, along with DNR personnel and State Troopers were involved in an 8-hour search Saturday night and early Sunday morning for a cross-country skier lost in the Hartwick Pines State Park. The

skier had taken refuge in an abandoned log cabin when she was found Sunday morning.

A new show choir has been formed at the Grayling Middle School named "Contact." The group will be ready to perform by the end of the month.

Grayling Elementary School fourth graders counted labels for the last time in this year's contest. "Campbell Labels for Education" contest began in December and ended in February. Over 32,000 labels were packed and counted by the fourth graders. This averaged out to be 52 labels per elementary student.

Tony Doremire, local EMT instructor, visited the fourth graders at Grayling Elementary and demonstrated life saving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation this week.

Senator Robert Davis donated an American flag which was placed in the Middle School gym. The flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. and will be placed on the gym wall.

Robert Knepp, of Grayling, freshman at Alma College, was selected by band conductor, Todd Snyder to the Alma College Kiltie Band. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is the site of one of the band's concerts.

Members of the 1071st Maintenance Company of the Michigan National Guard, Camp Grayling, last week donated \$150 toward the Crawford County Ambulance drive. Making the presentation was First Sgt. Harold Golinick and Lt. Keith Bobenmoyer.

A building project here in Crawford County that will provide homes for as many as 18 developmentally disabled citizens is still on the front burner, according to Jeannette Kitchen, AIS

Chairman.

City Police Chief Pete Stephan received a special award for his long and dedicated service to local youth. The award was presented by Crawford County Juvenile Officer Robert Bovee.

Grayling's Buff Partello capped his brilliant high school wrestling career with his finest achievement, capturing the Class C State Championship.

Tim Jones also placed high for Grayling, with a fifth place finish.

Don Ferguson, Grayling High Wrestling Coach for the past seven years, was named Region 14 High School "Wrestling Coach of the Year."

Under Ferguson's tenure as Grayling High School wrestling mentor, five Vikings have reached the 100 career victory plateau.

Pinpoint accuracy by Petoskey Friday night proved fatal for Grayling as the Northmen beat the Vikings to capture an 84-81 Huron Shores Conference triumph. The loss nevertheless left Grayling second in the conference, best finish in years, with an 11-3 record behind Gaylord's winning 13-1 league season.

This was the week for Middle School tournament games. Grayling took on West Branch, defeating them by 16 points. Jeff Branch scored eight points, Jon Nicholas, Riley McNamara and Mick Lovely all chipped in with six points each. Scott Colten scored four points.

Mrs. Thelma Below recently retired from Mercy Hospital, where she had been employed for many years.

Showing at the theatre this week is Bloodline with Audrey Hepburn.

46 Years Ago  
March 7, 1957

Over 3,600 people filled the new B. and C. Supermarket last Sunday, when the new store was opened for a preview showing.

The new store opened for business on Monday morning and features the

very latest in store design.

At the State competition for high school ski teams and individuals, the Grayling Boys' team failed to place. Individual winners were Bill Hall who placed 24th, Bill Weaver, who placed 26th and Judy Kenyon who finished 17th.

The Frederic Eagles finished their first perfect basketball season last Tuesday night as they overwhelmed Alba by a 85 to 32 score.

69 Years Ago  
March 8, 1934

For the pleasure of the High School basketball players here Saturday night for the finals of the district tournament, George Olson put on an extra performance at the Rialto Theatre and invited them to be his guests.

Miss Edna Muth is absent from her duties at the Hanson Restaurant, due to the broken collar bone, which she received when she tripped over a milk carrier while on duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bobenmoyer have purchased the Gilbert Vallad farm at Maple Forest, and will soon be moving there. Mr. and Mrs. Vallad will be occupying the Bobenmoyer home here in town.

92 Years Ago  
March 9, 1911

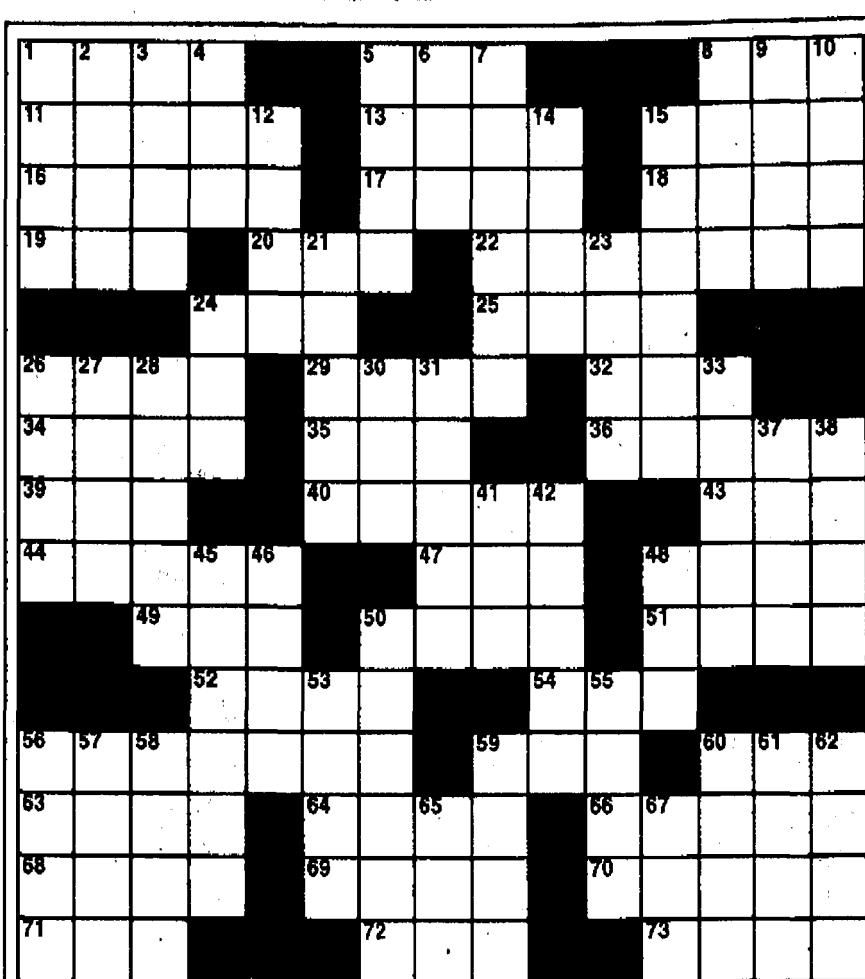
The mercury registered 10 below zero last Sunday morning with a high wind and snow.

The new hospital is nearing completion. The carpenters are practically finishing up and the painters and plumbers are rushing their work as fast as they can.

The basketball boys, Francis Reagan, Clarence Smart, Harry Hill, Will Lauder, Clyde Hum, Lorne Douglas and Tony Nelson have received new sweaters for playing on the team this winter.

The enrollment in the sixth grade is now forty.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Source of the Blue Nile
- Pub order
- Own (Scottish)
- Encourages
- Gulls
- Tackle the quarterback
- Edward, author
- Type genus of the Anatidae
- Domesticated
- General Robert E. \_\_\_\_\_
- Woman (French)
- Nasal cavities
- Go quickly
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan: abbr.
- Chadic
- Back talk
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Highly excited
- Cobra used by Pharos as a symbol of their power over life and death
- Got up
- Pirate's liquor
- Short-billed rails
- Steal
- Holds sacred stone
- Dhabi, Arabian capital
- Cause injury with a knife
- Common tool having a toothed blade for cutting
- Turkish leaders' titles
- Pubs
- College army
- Sound of understanding
- Alike

### DOWN

- Afrikaans
- Capable
- The compass point that is one point E of NE
- Dined
- Wings
- Local Area Network: abbr.
- Eliminates, as with a pencil
- Robert, poet
- The highest point of something
- Supplements with difficulty
- Paternal prefix
- Egyptian goddess
- Grogginess
- Plateaus
- Gangrenous inflammation
- An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- Author of the 2nd Gospel of Christ
- Largest known load species
- Material bodies
- Volcanic mountain in Japan
- Supports mine roof
- Main artery in the heart
- Glide
- Falloffs
- A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- B. Anthony, American feminist
- A white or colorless mineral (BaSO4) used as a main source of barium
- Absent Without Leave: military abbr.
- Small Business Association: abbr.
- Down's partner in crossword
- A profane name
- Not very sophisticated or interested in culture
- New England river
- Wading birds of long, slender, down-curved bills
- Methodist: shortened form
- As fast as can be done: abbr.
- Swedish rock group with hit album entitled "Gold"
- Jail
- Czech River
- American Dental Association
- Sound that expresses

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Marinated Vegetables

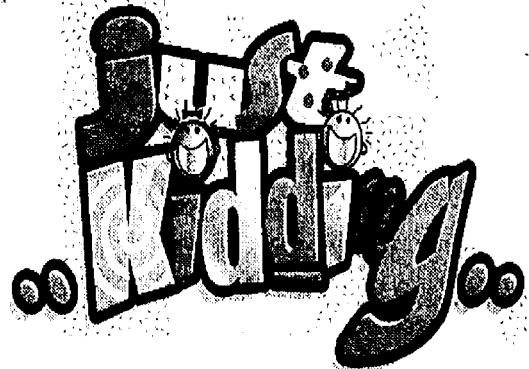
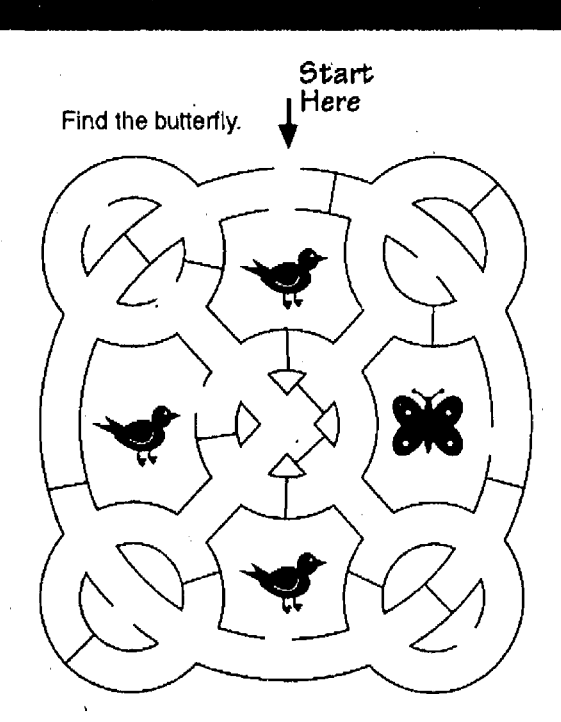
1 can (14 oz.) Chicken Broth  
1 tsp. Sugar  
1/2 tsp. Dried thyme leaves, crushed  
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder or 2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/8 tsp. Pepper  
4 cups cauliflower flowerets  
1 1/2 cups green beans cut in 1" pieces  
2 medium carrots, sliced  
1/4 cup vinegar  
2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley  
or 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes  
HEAT broth, sugar, thyme, garlic and pepper in saucepan to a boil. ADD cauliflower, beans and carrots. Cover and cook over low heat 1 min. or until tender-crisp. PLACE vegetables and broth mixture in shallow nonmetallic dish. Add vinegar and parsley. Refrigerate at least 12 hr.

### Tangy Vinaigrette

1 can (14 oz.) Chicken Broth  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup vinegar  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley  
2 tsp. spicy brown mustard  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

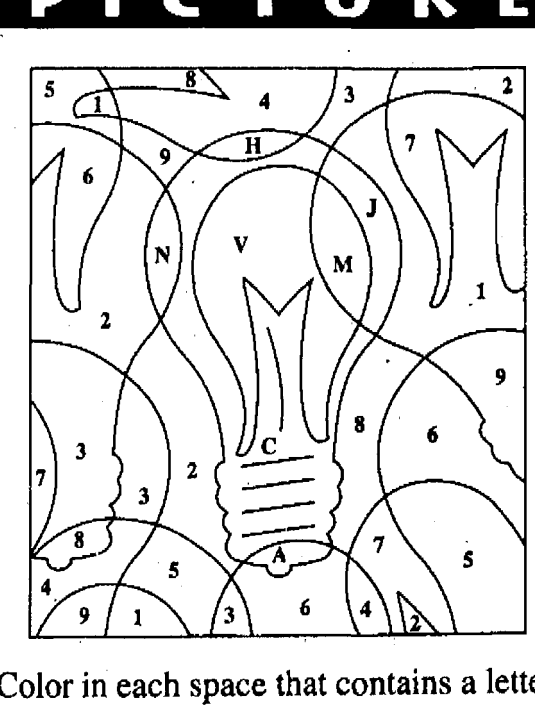
COMBINE all ingredients in blender jar. Cover and blend until smooth. Refrigerate at least 2 hr.

## MAZE



**DID YOU KNOW**  
Scuba is an acronym for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## Adopt a Pet



Mika is an approximately 1 year old Black Lab. She is spayed and has all of her shots. She loves to carry toys in her mouth and is still very puppyish. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 6, 2003



You may soon have a few hours to yourself. Mark the occasion with a good book or a long walk in the park. A family member shares good news with you.



What was once a fun and carefree project is turning into a nightmare. Slow down and work on the project one step at a time. Don't forget to return a favor.



You have fallen out of favor with a friend. Make amends now. Some relatives are moving away. Get everyone together one last time for a family dinner.



You are so caught up in the details of a proposal at work that you are missing out on the big picture. Read through the proposal again, this time concentrating on how it will benefit the company as a whole.



You've been harboring ill will toward a close friend. Stop making yourself miserable and open up about your feelings. Your friend has no idea something is wrong.



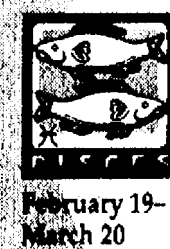
Travel is on the horizon. The destination could be far away or close to home. Have fun, relax and don't forget to send a postcard to everyone back home.



A young friend asks an unusual question. Don't sugarcoat your answer. Give the matter some thought and answer the question honestly.



Just as you suspected a coworker has been keeping information from you. Don't let it get to you. What they are hiding is of little use to you. Focus your attention on more important matters.



Life is moving along peacefully at home. Savor the moment. It won't last long. At work, projects are getting jostled around. Don't be surprised if a few of them end up on your desk.



A home improvement project is turning out better than you expected. Record the pros and cons and pass them along to a friend. Now that you're an official do-it-yourselfer, you may want to tackle something harder.



You are intrigued by a friend's tale. Do some detective work and find out if there is any validity to the story. Then step up and take action.



You've been very generous, with your time and your money. Others are starting to notice and you will be rewarded for your efforts.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/26	14	-14	
2/27	24	-5	
2/28	33	-2	
3/1	37	-1	
3/2	28	6	trace
3/3	7	-24	
3/4	21	-24	1

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 18 Low -4 Flurries	High 29 Low 8 PM Snow Showers	High 35 Low 7 AM Snow Showers	High 34 Low -3 Light Snow	High 17 Low -8 Snow Showers	High 19 Low 0 Snow Showers



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOT FOR SALE** 215 x 290 1.24 acres AuSable Woods Association. Asking \$8,500 O.B.O. (989) 348-8774. (-6/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MOBILE HOME FOR SALE** by owner. Two bedroom, bath and a half off Manistee River Rd., little over 1/2 acre. Call (989) 348-5741. (-13-20-27-6/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**SPRING DREAMS** Own a Brand New three bedroom, two bath home for less than you are paying for rent. You pick the floor plan, you pick the colors, you pick the payment. May qualify for Crawford County Housing Assistance programs. Contact North Crest Homes today for details. (989) 732-1555 (-27-6-13/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry (989) 275-5445. (-6-13-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER** Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHDA sponsored program Links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/02/1)

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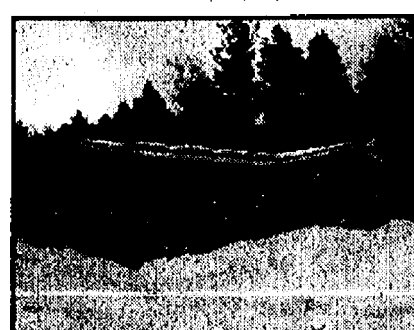
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**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** This beautiful city home is complete with all the modern accessories. Ready to move in, the house is partially furnished. New carpet throughout, new water heater, refrigerator, and door bells. Conveniently located close to town, this home is perfect for a family just starting out or a retired couple. **CS-1703 \$67,500**



**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. **CS-1611 \$57,000**



**CLOSE TO STATE LAND AND THE MANISTEE RIVER.** Take a closer look...Very eye appealing home. Recently remodeled home offers vaulted ceilings, walkout patio onto back deck. Family room & kitchen combination is perfect for the cook that does not want to be separated from family and guests. Beautiful natural fireplace off dining room. Oak doors and trim throughout, new bath, new carpet. Lots of kitchen cabinets and counter space. Immaculately kept home is turn key. **CS-1701 \$69,500**



**LARGE FAMILY HOME** offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. **CS-1585 \$82,000**



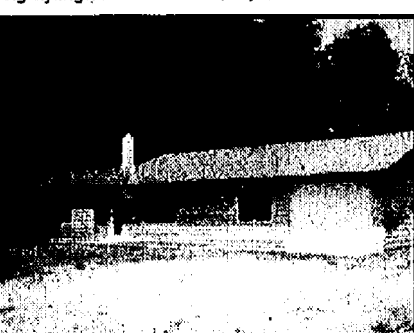
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**QUALITY BUILT TOWNHOUSE** in desirable Viking Village. Spacious 1,184 s.f., 2 B/R, 2 bath, double Andersen Windows and doorways-onto patio, central A/C, breakfast nook, all appliances included, formal entry, large living room with vaulted ceiling, drywall interior, spotless move in condition. 15x22 attached heated and finished garage, blacktop drive, sprinkling system. Beautiful secluded setting, located just outside city limits. Amenities provided i.e. grass/shrub trimming, snow removal, garbage pick-up. Excellent Opportunity. First unit offered for ownership. Ask for condo bylaws. Visual Tour at remaxofgrayling.com **CH-1642 \$93,900**



**CLOSE TO AUSABLE RIVER, STATE LAND AND TRAILS.** Recently renovated. Half log siding and steel roof. 1,824 s.f., 4 bedroom home located on blacktop county maintained road. New well, kitchen, appliances, windows, interior, and furnace. Spotless condition offering immediate possession. Priced Below Appraised Value. **CH-1653 \$85,000**



**ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!** Square 10 acres in Beaver Creek Township, beautiful birch trees and open pasture. Secluded setting on private road. Electric available. \$33,000 land contract terms. **CH-1681 Zoned Agri.-build your barn now!**



**PERFECT HOME OR CABIN!** Beautiful mature Red & White Pines. Double lot fronting blacktop county maintained road. Great location for four season recreation. 860 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, hardwood floors, knotty pine interior, 20 x 20 garage, recent updates include: kitchen, carpet, shingles, electric, and paint. Located 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. **CH-1669 \$52,000**

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**New Listing**

**River Access Home!** River access - this 1128 square foot, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on two acres is located just a short walk to river access. Home has attached garage, plenty of storage, and a nice private backyard. \$67,500 #225476

**Nice Home in Quiet Area!** Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with attached garage in quiet area, close to trails and state land. \$82,500 #225478

**Custom Home with Shared Beach!** This custom built 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath home offers many amenities: best slip with dock and Lake Michigan access, in-ground sprinklers, sunroom with hot tub, heated kitchen floors, "three" rock flooring, ceramic tile, carpet, all appliances, master suite, generator back-up, dual LNA satellite dish, insulated garage, and many more special features. See numerous to mention. A MUST SEE! \$299,000 #223524

**Charming Country Chalet!** Charming 3 BR, 2 bath country chalet. Two full baths, beautiful master suite with loft that overlooks living room, large deck, 24 x 28 heated garage. Close to state land. \$119,000 #223639

**Large Manufacturing Building!** Large 45,000 sq. ft. building located in Grayling with access to I-75 in a community looking for the right business. Don't let this one get by you! Great area, great labor in a small town to grow your business. \$1,050,000 #224648

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**Home on 11.5 Acres with Flowing Well!** 3 BR, 1 1/2 story on paved road 4 miles from West Branch. On 11.5 acres with nice garden spot and flowing well on property. Great starter home or hunting camp! Land contract possible. \$62,000 #223843

**Cute Little Mobile** Close to State Land! The perfect 2 bedroom, 1 bath starter home or weekend get-away. Ready to move into. Close to state land and Higgins Lake. Also includes a 16' x 20' shed for your toys. \$24,000 #223752

**Cozy and Rustic!** This 1 bedroom cabin is totally furnished ready to move into. Bath with a tub, electric & running water in cabin, very quiet, backs up to state land to the North and the AuSable River is only 7/10ths of a mile at end of Whistler. Screened in back porch. Special tax assignment for paying Whitetail \$150 +/0 a yr. for 5 yrs. \$35,000 #223796

**Rustic Log Home!** Cozy "rustic feeling" log home on 5 acres. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with a 24' x 40' barn. \$85,000 #223823

**Home for Young Family!** Ideal home for a young family in a nice area of homes. This 3 bedroom home offers new kitchen floor covering and counter top, appliances and newer roof. 2.5 car garage & lg. yard for the children to play. \$69,900 #224010

**JUST LISTED**

**2.5 Acres in "Log Only"** Subl 2.5 acre building sites in "log only" restricted subdivision. Deeded access to state land, very nice mixture of hardwoods. \$16,900 each #225460-225463

**Perfect for Horses!** This 10.05 acres of property would be excellent for horses about 90% pasture, possible sight for pond - private off the main road. \$21,000 #223991

**Hunting Property with Deer Blinds!** Beautiful 10.18 acres of hunting property, full of oak, with 3 deer blinds and power only 360' away. Great building site for home or cabin. \$29,900 #223955

**10 Acres of Hunting Property!** Great hunting land with state land on the East and West side. Power is 660 feet away. Priced right. Will accept a land contract for 3-5 years with 20+% down. \$19,900 #220553

**Wooded Acreage!** Acreage in a nice mix of hardwoods, pines, rolling hills and meadows. Lots are in 10, 20, and 40 acre parcels. Prices from \$35,000 to \$120,000 #14849-14888

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**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**RIVER ACCESS** Really nice two bedroom home, new kitchen, carpeting, vinyl, two car garage. \$550 plus deposit. (989) 348-5384 (-6-13/2)

**ONE BEDROOM UPPER APARTMENT**, completely furnished. Very private setting on Manistee River. All utilities provided. Seven miles from town. \$500 month. (989) 348-9714. (-6-13-20-27/2)

**FOR RENT**

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One Bedroom . . . \$400.00  
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308 Lawndale Drive  
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**2. For Rent**

**MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** No pets. Old 27 North, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME** at Lake Margrethe. Available March 1, \$600 per month plus deposit and references. One year lease. No smoking and no pets. (989) 348-8627 (2/13/03tf/2)

**BEDROOM FOR RENT** Only one mile from uptown Grayling and surrounded by woods and wildlife, enjoy a peaceful setting in this spacious home. \$325 per month. All utilities are free, including cable TV, phone, kitchen, laundry and more. (989) 348-2083. (2/20/03tf/2)

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**2. For Rent**

**EFFICIENCY CABIN** \$295 month, \$295 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. (989) 348-5124 (-27-6/2)

**KITCHENETTES AND STUDIO APARTMENT** Available All utilities included, cable. (989) 348-8471 (-27-6-13/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-6-13-20-27/2)

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**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Located in the city of Grayling. \$410 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13-20-27/2)

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**2. For Rent**

**TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH DUPLEX** with appliances and garage, close to town. Phone (989) 348-8066. (2/6/03tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH** recently remodeled in town, attached garage. \$395 per month plus utilities, references and security deposit required. Call (231) 922-7170. (-6-13/2)

**KITCHENETTES FOR RENT** No deposit. Includes all utilities, Cable TV, stove, refrigerator and phone. Western Trails Motel (989) 348-7681 (-27-6/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT** Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Rent is \$400 per month and includes all utilities. Call Norwood Rentals. (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

**OLDER TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** in Beaver Creek Township. \$450 per month plus utilities, references plus one month security deposit. (989) 275-4126 and leave a message. (-27-6-13/2)

**TWO BEDROOM** Remodeled, no smoking, no pets. Six miles east of Grayling. \$450 month. (989) 348-4840 (-6-13-20-27/2)

**SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM,** two bath duplex, large master suite in private wooded area close to Grayling. Includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher, hookup for washer/dryer, shared garage. \$575 plus utilities and security deposit. No pets, no smoking. (231) 263-0231 (3/6/03tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM MOBILE,** 1 1/2 bath Private land off M-72 by Burton's Landing. \$450 month plus utilities. (989) 348-6674 (-20-27-6/2)

**LARGE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE** 101D State St., Grayling. AuSable River Access. \$395 per month. Utilities, references and one month deposit required. No pets. (989) 348-4464 (-27-6/2)

**2. For Rent**

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 6274 Old Lake Rd. One bedroom, stove, refrigerator, newly remodeled \$350 month plus security deposit. Utilities not included, no pets. (989) 348-4716 (3/6/03tf/2)

**3. Employment**

**46TH CIRCUIT TRAIL COURT** Friend of the Court office has an opening for a Case Management position in Otsego County. Duties include the enforcement of court orders relating to child custody, parenting time and child support, investigation and preparation of support recommendations and responding to high volume telephonic and written communications. Position requires an individual with excellent written and oral communication skills, ability to handle stressful situations, strong organizational skills and computer experience. Travel may be required. A minimum of one year case supervision experience in a Court or closely related setting preferred. A bachelors degree in psychology, sociology or other closely related field required. Salary, plus fringe. Submit resume and references to Amy Neubecker, Assistant Friend of the Court, P.O. Box 1485, Gaylord, MI 49734 or fax to (989) 732-8646 by 4 p.m. on March 17, 2003. (-6/3)

**FULL-TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST** Firm is seeking personable individual to fill Secretary/Receptionist position. Individual must be career oriented with good telephone, computer and office skills. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 665, Grayling, MI 49738 (-6-13/3)

**LANDSCAPING  
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A Real Estate Development Company in Gaylord has a position open for a person who enjoys working in the outdoors and can manage a small crew in the landscaping process. Call Mike Pfister at 989-705-1155.

**3. Employment**

**DIRECTOR**

Grayling Recreation Authority is seeking a director. Duties include supervision of full time and seasonal employees, downhill and cross-country ski programs, a wide variety of spring, summer and all recreation programs, grant writing and fund raising. A degree in Parks, Recreation or Management or equivalent experience in management of recreational programs is required. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Insurance and benefits package available. Please send resume with cover letter to: Recreation Application, PO Drawer 665, Grayling, MI 49738 by March 15, 2003.

**DIETITIAN-REGISTERED**

West Branch Regional Medical Center has a full-time Registered Dietitian opening. Along with our state-of-the-art facility, we are excited to offer our new competitive wages and benefit package. If you are qualified and interested please mail a resume to:

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Department 2

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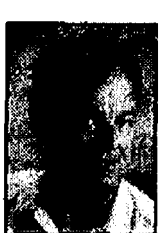
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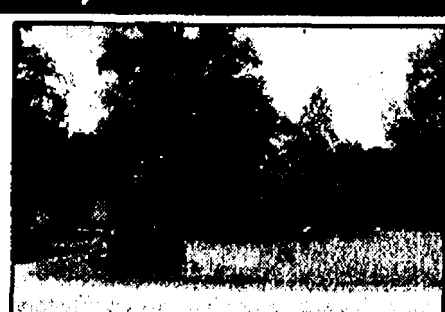


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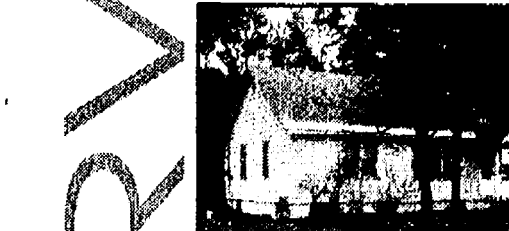
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This three bedroom multi-level home offers oak cabinets, large master bathroom, family room, soap stone wood stove, main level laundry/utility room, tile floors and a two car garage. Home is situated on 1.7 acres. \$114,900 #5028



**Immaculately kept ranch home** just outside the city limits of Grayling near Mercy Hospital. Home features pride of ownership with 1336 sq. ft. main floor and 1300 ft. in basement, landscaping, family room with fireplace, full basement that could be finished for extra living space. \$81,500 #5076



This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with a master bedroom suite. Three bedrooms, two full baths and a full basement. Situated on a nice acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about 2 miles away. \$73,500 #5034



Cozy two bedroom home with full basement has fenced in back yard, drive through garage and has some old charm like hardwood flooring. Also has commercial frontage on M-72 West. \$44,900 #5046



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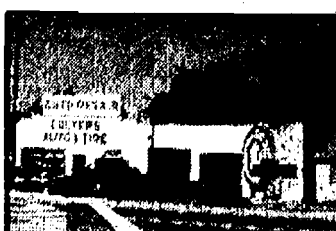
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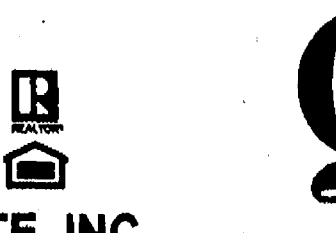
**Maintenance free three bedroom,** two bath modular home on 10 acres. Bedrooms all have walk-in closets, electric service is 200 amp, roofed and framed 28 x 8 sun porch, all located near two trail heads. \$114,900 #5077



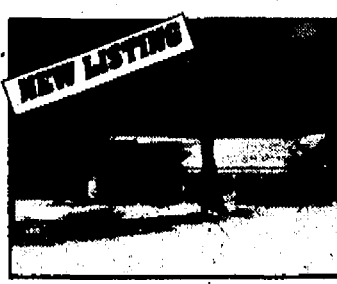
This property has a 1300 sq. ft., two bedroom, 1 bath home, and a 24 x 24 garage with 220 service. It also includes a 14 x 46 building, on prime 75' of frontage on 27 just north of Grayling. Priced to sell! \$54,900 #4974



**Charming remodeled home** featuring new roof, vinyl siding, kitchen, majority of windows, 2.5 ton central air conditioning, a green house off the living room with a sun room and gazebo in the back. Garage is insulated, drywalled and heated. A must see. \$83,000 #5065



This is the perfect location for a remote get-a-way or hunting camp. Situated on 10 acres, it includes a 30 x 40 pole barn with double overhead doors and a 10 x 30 mobile home. Nice rolling terrain. Call for more details. \$35,000 #4925



**Immaculately kept three bedroom one bath home** with a 10 x 16 sun porch, 24 x 24 garage, would make a great starter or retirement home. House and garage had new metal roofs installed in 2001. \$75,000 #5079



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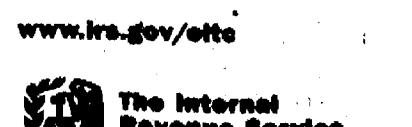
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**ANNUAL NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION** Sanctioned Banquet/Auction, Saturday, March 8, 2003 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Social Hour: 5:30 pm., dinner/program: 7 p.m. For more information, call Dennis Ryan (989) 348-8338 or Brian Brown (989) 275-1426. (-20-27-6/8)

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#### Announcements

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The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are soliciting merit-staffed bidders to operate the Wagner-Peyser Public Employment Service Program throughout the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. Units of the State of Michigan, local units of government, special purpose units of government, school districts, intermediate school districts, public community colleges, public colleges and universities can bid to provide employment services.

Program dollars of approximately \$150,000.00.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 1:30 p.m., in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center. Request for Proposal packages will be available at that time.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, April 18, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

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The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

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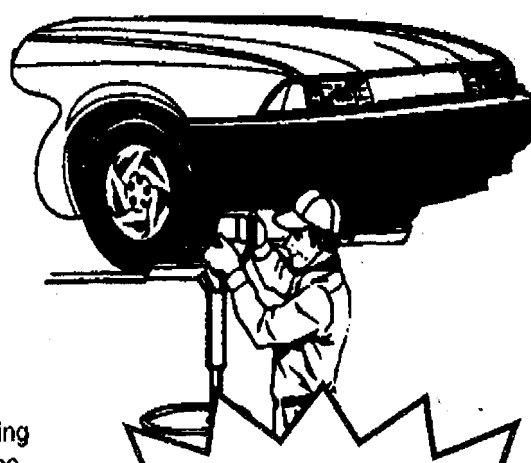
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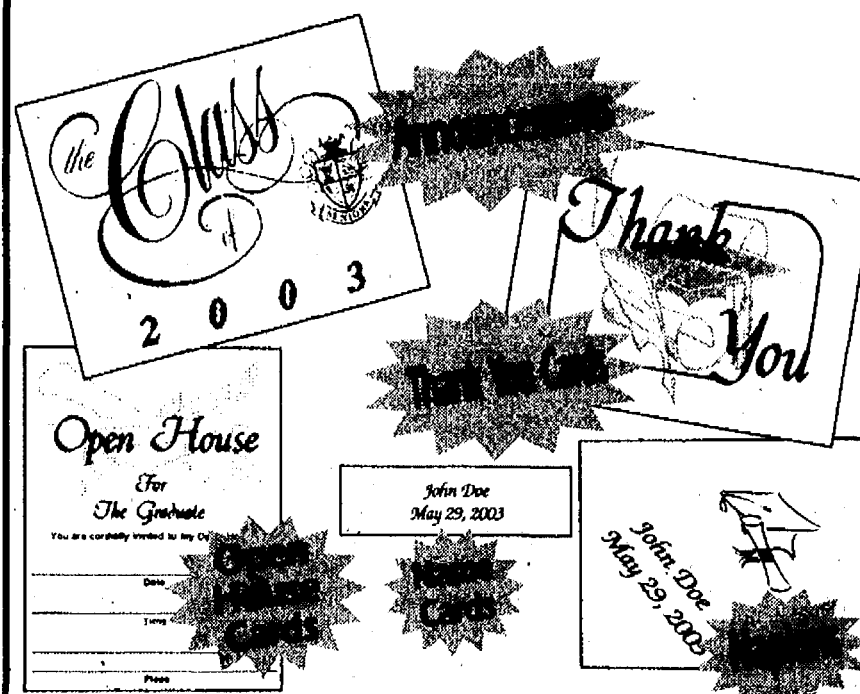


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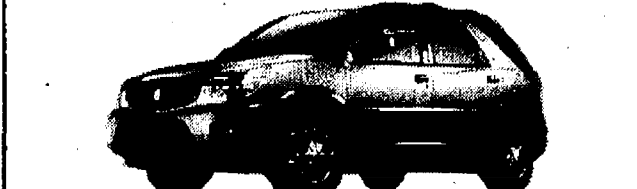
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**2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
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**2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE**  
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**2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.**  
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Only 35,000 miles! #4883 Was \$11,988. .... Blowout Price **\$8,988**

**1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB**  
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## Former GMS teacher pleads guilty as charged

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A jury trial set for later this month will not take place, as former Grayling Middle School teacher, Kathryn Anne Olson, pled guilty as charged to making a bomb threat last March 11.

Accompanied by her attorney, Thomas Plachta, Olson pled guilty on March 3 before Chief Judge Alton T. Davis in 46th Circuit Trial Court to the original felony charge of making a false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device.

Under oath, Olson stated she placed a telephone call from her home in Grayling Township to the home of Grayling Middle School Principal Doniel Pummell the morning of March 11, 2002 and stated, "Good luck trying to find the bomb at your school."

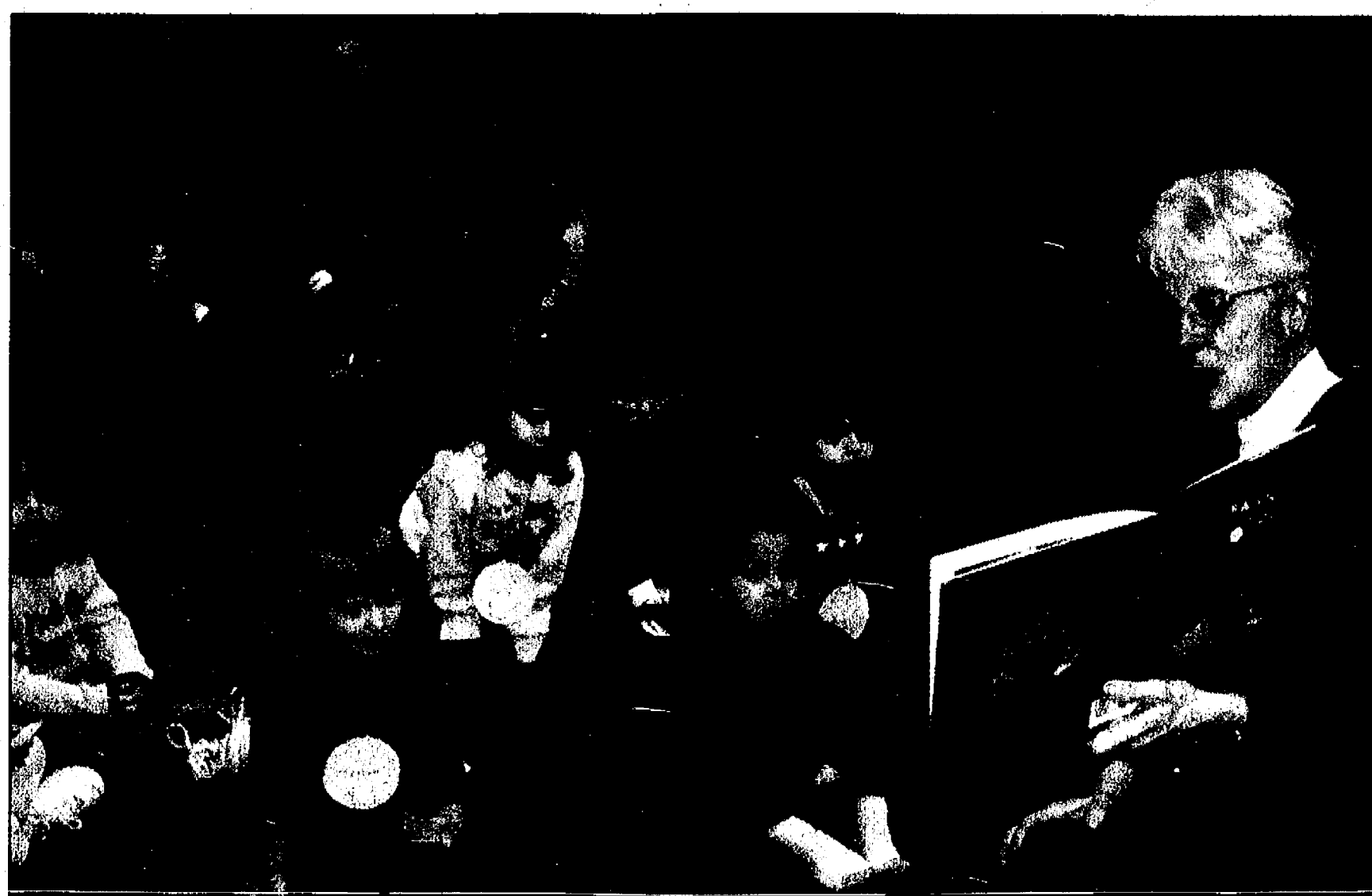
Present in the courtroom were Crawford AuSable School Superintendent Milli Haug and Principal Pummell. "This whole episode has been sad for the school district, the community and for the Olson family," Haug remarked.

"Mrs. Olson was a trusted member of our staff and violated

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See "FORMER GMS..."

## Story Hour captures tots' attention



Volunteer Rae Ann Schanz reads to a group of young children each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. during Story Hour at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. The program gives children a chance to put their thinking caps on and discover the world of numbers and letters, words and storybooks, song and a little dance. Films and puppets are also put to good use during Story Hour. More than 30 children are registered for the program. (Left) Charles Garrity, Alanna Bonamie, and Toree Flowers listen as Schanz shares a book selection. March is National Reading Month.

## Weather played role in gasoline station leak

► Old 27 closed for more than four hours during clean-up work

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

An estimated seven gallons of gasoline spilled out of an underground storage tank last Saturday morning, causing local law enforcement to shut down a portion of Old US-27 in Frederic Township.

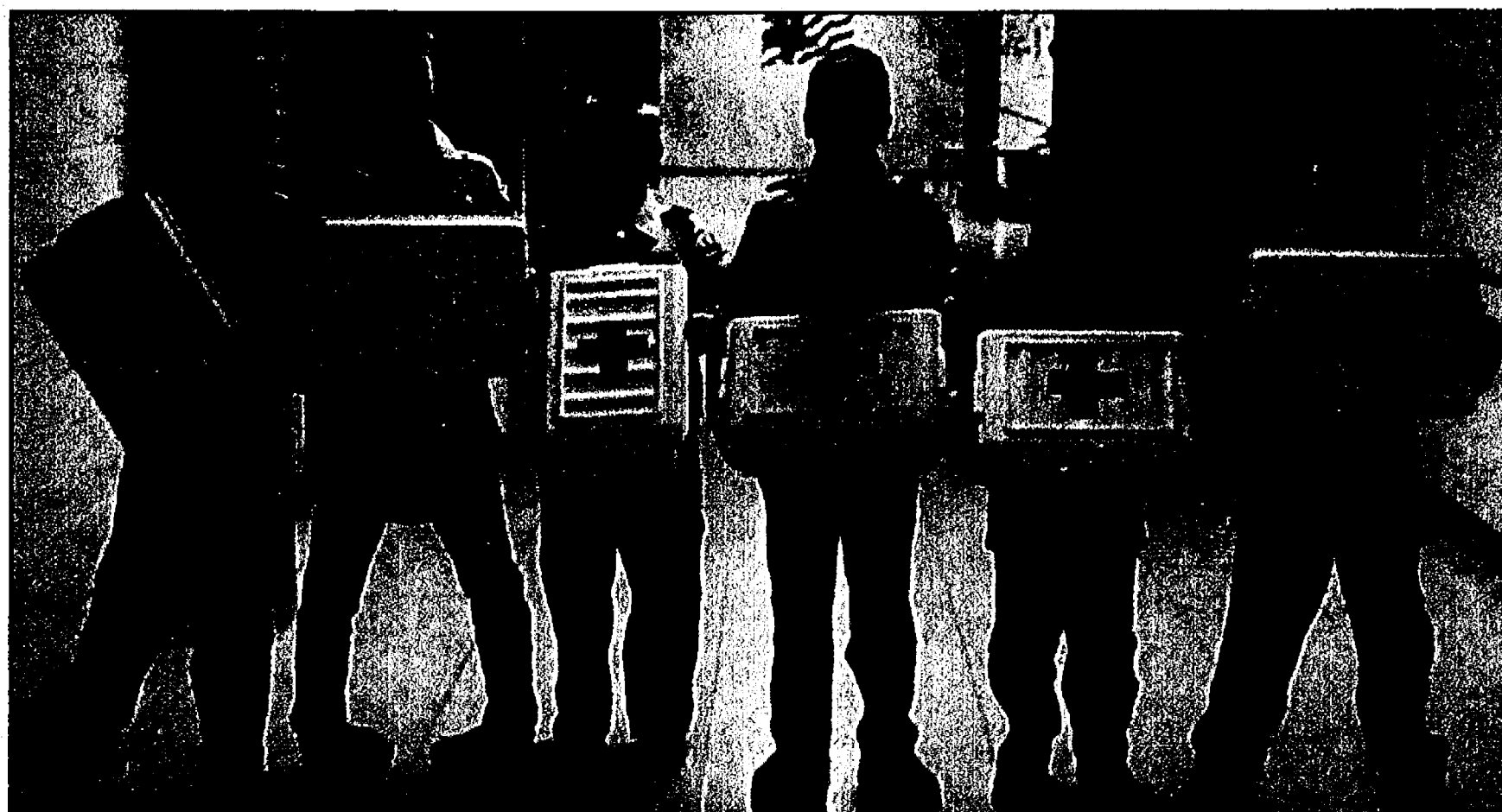
Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt said he could not confirm or deny the amount reported missing by the owners of the BP Gas Station, but assures residents in the area the spill was quickly contained and soaked up in absorbent pads before seeping into ground water.

Crawford County Sheriff's Sgt. Randy Baerlocher closed the road to traffic as a precautionary measure as nine Frederic fire officials, Beaver Creek Township HAZMAT Team coordinator Ed Holcamp, Randy Rothe of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and John Huspen

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## Emergency Kits earn scouts Readyman Badges



Webelo Cub Scouts Josh Aimesbury, Brent Steffey, Max Murray, Matt Dunckel, Scott Werjowski and Corey Kiessel are ready in case a disaster strikes with their newly assembled emergency preparedness kits.

Local first year Webelo Cub Scouts have assembled emergency preparedness kits to earn their Readyman Badges and are now prepared to handle a disaster including a wildfire, snowstorm, tornado, thunderstorm, or power outage.

During a meeting February 24 at Grayling Elementary School, fourth grade student and Webelo, Matt Dunckel, explained to his fellow scouts, parents and visitors the importance of the contents of each

kit, which included items such as petroleum jelly, scissors, first aid items and emergency candles.

Dunckel also explained the how to communicate during a disaster: 1) Have a short distance and a long distance family meeting place if one has to leave their home, and 2) make arrangements with a family member out of the city or state to inform other family members about the emergency because phone lines in a disaster

area will most likely be tied up with emergency communications. This gives family members outside the disaster area, with freer access to telephone lines, the task of contacting others, thus speeding up the process.

The importance of developing a family emergency plan and how to become a FEMA Disaster Kid was also explained by Dunckel, who researched disaster preparedness at several web sites includ-

ing the American Red Cross, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), and the Department of Homeland Security.

Kids interested in becoming a FEMA disaster-ready kid need only log on to fema.gov and answer some related questions.

The meeting was well received with Dunckel fielding and answering many important questions about disaster readiness from those in attendance.

## County's new health plan should save more than \$50,000

► Employees should see no change in services covered in plan

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed February 19 to change the county's health care plan and save an estimated \$50,000 this year alone.

Crawford County began looking into other options once it realized the current plan was not performing as well as projected when it came to self-funding.

Following months of research, numbers gathering, and meetings with agents from a variety of insurance companies, County Controller Paul Compo and Chief Deputy Treasurer Dan Weaver presented a proposal to the Commissioners which would allow all current county employees to remain insured and able to continue with their participating health care providers, through Blue Cross/Blue Shield, using what is called the MEBS (Michigan Employee Benefits Services) program.

"Essentially, we will convert our current health care plan from

a PPO 1 to a PPO 4," explained Compo and Weaver in the proposal to the County Board on February 12. "We will pay premiums to MEBS for the cost of a PPO 4, with a 15/30 drug card, and \$10 office co-pay.

"Blue Cross/Blue Shield will reimburse the provider as a PPO 4 and send the explanation of benefits to MEBS, who will then bill the county for necessary funding to provide the PPO 1 level of benefit that was not achieved with the PPO 4. Our vision and dental plan will be completely self-funded to our current benefit levels."

Compo said the move to save money on health care has been well-received by the union employees who should see no difference in services covered from the former plan.

MEBS will act as an agent of record for the county. "They will work as the facilitator of services to the employees, as well as provide statistical analysis in the future that will provide insight into modifying our current benefit structure," Compo explained.

"We feel the county realistically should save in excess of \$50,000 over the course of the next 12 months, compared to our current premiums," Weaver said.

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## Grayling Family Dentistry

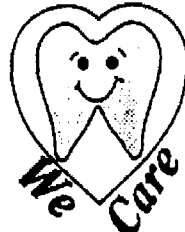
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## City to conduct DDA meeting, hearing

► DDA meetings to be held on March 12 and March 19

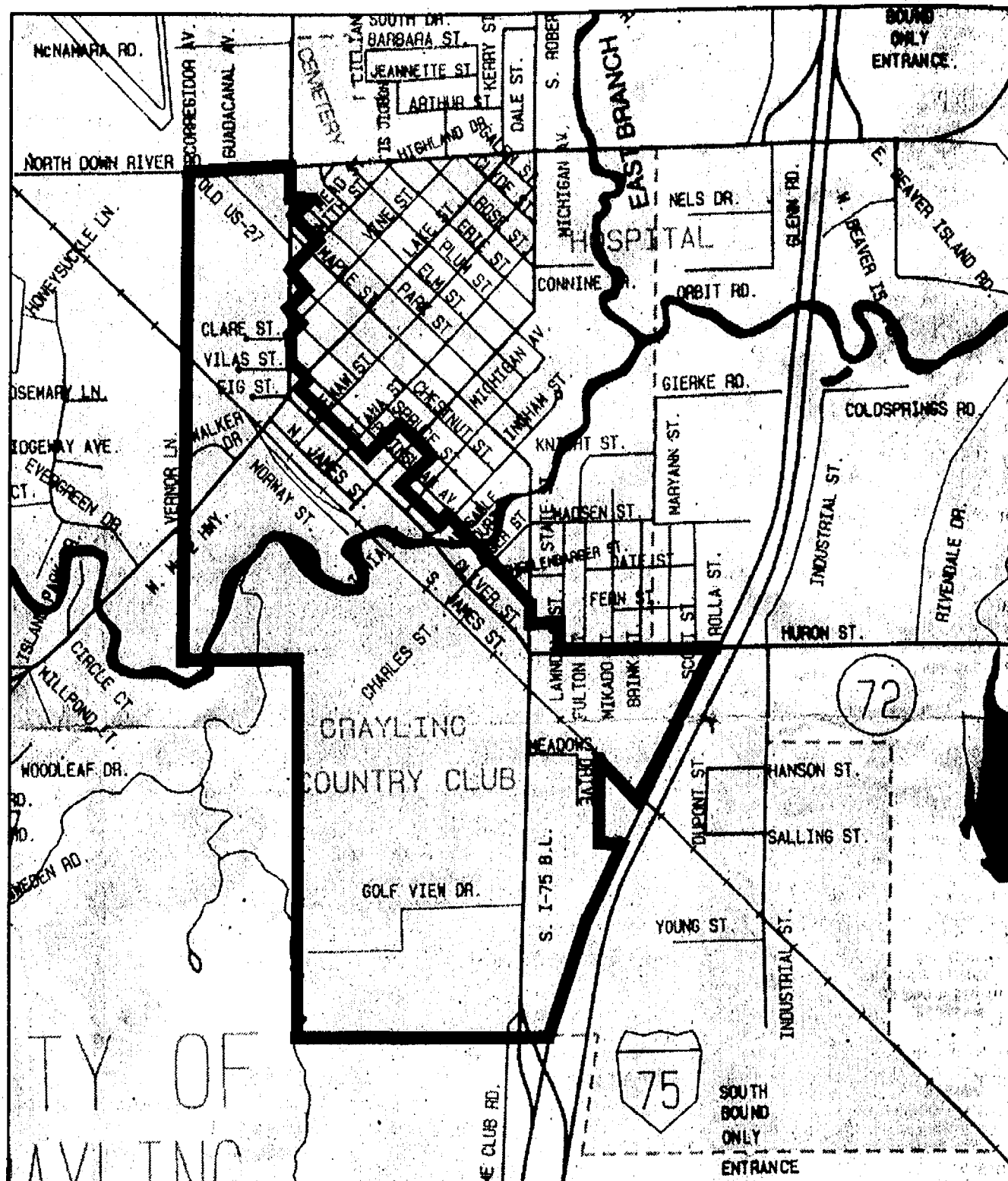
The City of Grayling has set up two public forums for discussion of its proposed establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA): a public hearing (required by law as part of the DDA establishment process) on March 19, and a meeting on March 12 to gather input and answer questions from citizens prior to the official public hearing.

A DDA is a tool that can be used by a city, township or village to revitalize its downtown area by planning and carrying out improvement projects on public property within its district. DDAs are funded primarily through the capture of increases in property tax values within the district.

On February 10, the city council scheduled its public hearing for March 19 after increasing the size of the previously approved district on January 27. Setting borders for the proposed DDA district is a required part of the DDA public hearing process.

The (Wednesday) March 19 public hearing will be held at Grayling Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

At the council's February 24 regular meeting, Gosling-Czubak, the city's engineering firm, discussed the DDA issue in



The City of Grayling's current proposed Downtown Development Authority district borders are outlined in black.

general with council members and urged the city to conduct a public meeting prior to the official public hearing in order to

gather more input and help provide information to interested citizens.

The council scheduled the

meeting for Wednesday, March 12. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the AuSable Primary Library.

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## Weather played role in gasoline station leak

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of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) analyzed the situation.

Owners of the station called in

their contracted environmental containment company to handle the cleanup.

Chief Pratt said the extreme cold weather and recent short

thaw was most likely the cause of the spill. He said thawing and freezing of water around the two 10,000 gallon tanks and lines caused the overflow sump area to

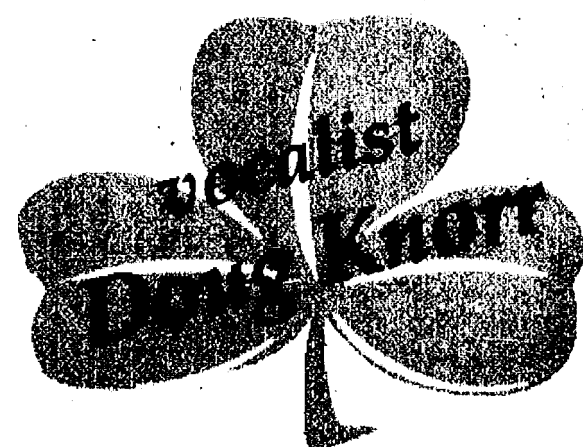
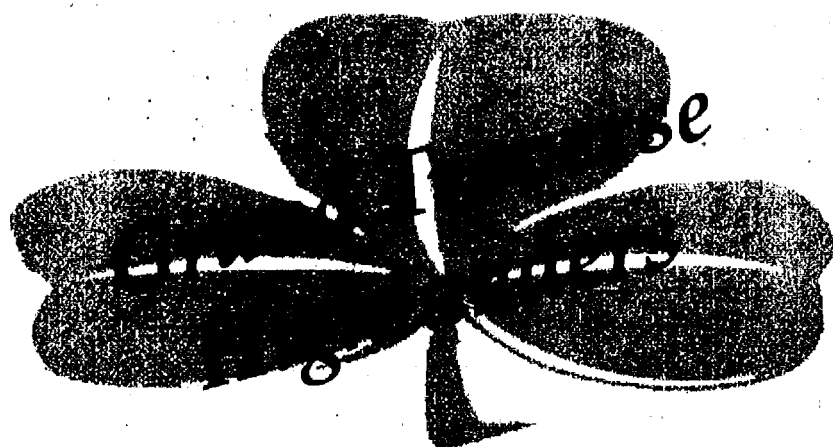
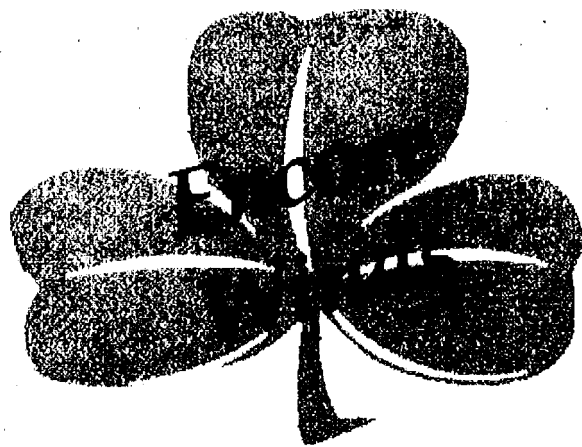
fill with water and ice, causing the sump to malfunction, and leaving no room for the gasoline overflow when a line froze and broke.

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## Fred Bear memorabilia on display at library

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

When Pete Kocefas noticed the empty showcase at the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library he talked to library director Edward Elsner about putting up an archery display to help young people learn some of the history of Fred Bear and Bear Archery and what they meant to Crawford County.

One of the main reasons Fred Bear moved his company to Grayling in 1947 was his love of fly fishing. The company was important to the local economy for over 30 years until it moved to Florida in 1978.

The display represents a small part of Kocefas' vast collection of Fred Bear memorabilia. Included in this display are five books about Fred Bear, a Bear Archery catalog printed in Japanese and a comic book, a quiver full of arrows, three Bear bows, as well as knives, matches, hats, patches and many other items.

There are also several pictures of Fred Bear, including one with astronaut Joe Engel, long time employee Frank Scott and Bear Archery Advertising Director Dick Lattimer. Lattimer is currently writing a book about Fred Bear.

The display will remain in the library for the next few months.

Kocefas' interest in archery began in 1992. Shortly thereafter, he started his collection because Fred Bear had been such an important part of the history of this area and he felt there should be some sort of a local memorial.

Kocefas, owner of Sledheads in Frederic, has the bulk of his collection at his store. Those who would like to see more of the memorabilia he has collected, or have something they would like to add to the collection can contact him at 344-7669.



The display honoring Fred Bear includes a bust of Fred Bear, posters, a wooden bow from 1947 and a letter written by Bear to some of his employees.

## Former GMS teacher pleads guilty as charged

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that trust. After the threat was made last year, there were students afraid to come to school... some wanted to be home schooled. It was very upsetting to some of our staff members who were already at the building that morning when the threat was received and didn't know whether or not there really was a bomb," Haug said.

Though no bomb or device was ever found, Haug said the effect of the threat was palpable. "This is a felony -- a very serious situation." The school was closed for the day while police scoured the building for explosives.

Haug said Olson's guilty plea to a felony will most likely cause her to never teach again as most school districts inquire about felony convictions of their applicants.

Last July, Haug and other

school officials were asked to complete a victim's impact statement.

Haug said in her statement she detailed the monetary effect and emotional impact Olson's threat had on the school district. "It is my understanding those statements will play a role in determining her sentence."

With the plea accepted by the court, Olson waives her right to a jury trial and now faces up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine when sentenced, tentatively in April. Judge Davis advised Olson that no decision can be made regarding her sentence until he receives and reviews a pre-sentencing report from the Michigan Department of Corrections, which offers a recommendation for a proper sentence.

Judge Davis also stated he is unaware of any psychological analysis of Olson's mental status

that may be presented from either Olson's attorney or Prosecutor John Huss' office, but said he may order such an analysis above and beyond what may be offered by either side.

Olson remains free on a \$10,000 bond, and Judge Davis is allowing her to travel to Utah, from March 27 through April 4, in order to attend her son's ski competition.

## Students seek sponsors for Jump Rope for Heart

Students enrolled at Crawford AuSable School's elementary schools will be participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart event later this month.

Frederic Elementary students will Jump Rope for Heart on Tuesday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and students at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools will be jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers on Thursday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For two hours, students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope for Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The

event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

The community is asked to help our local school children help others by becoming a sponsor and supporting Jump Rope for Heart with whatever one can afford to give. To help more, call the American Heart Association office at 1-231-547-6083 or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

For more information about the local events at the Frederic Elementary and Grayling Elementary Schools, call Julie Duncley at 344-3606 or 344-3704; contact Don Knapp at 344-3654 for information about the AuSable Primary School's event.

Students and parents are reminded donation envelopes are due back at school by Friday, March 14.

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### Overview of the local chapter

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Imagine that you are having a heart attack and no one around you knows what to do. Now imagine that a Red Cross trained family member knows what to do until professional help arrives.

Imagine needing blood products while in surgery and having none available. Now imagine that a neighbor gave blood, and you will recover because the blood products were there when needed.

Imagine all of the ways the American Red Cross touches lives every day.

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan is here to provide these services for the residents of Crawford County.

Local community leaders Monte Burmeister and Bill Gannon are on the board of directors for the local Red Cross Chapter. Monte serves as the first vice president and will take the helm as chapter chair at the September annual meeting. Mr. Gannon has served on the board since 2001 and is active on the public relations committee. "It is important for Red Cross to be able to respond to our local needs,

and I wanted Crawford County's interests to be presented at the board level," states Bill Gannon. "The work of Red Cross impacts most Americans at some point, from taking swimming lessons as a child, administering first aid to a family member, or needed a blood transfusion in later years. Red Cross needs to be strong locally to benefit our community," added Burmeister.

Red Cross in Crawford County has volunteers serving in disaster response, blood services, Armed Forces Emergency Services, and Health & Safety instructors training in First Aid & CPR and aquatics procedures. Additionally, there are volunteer caseworkers working 24/7 at Camp Grayling during the peak training times to handle family emergency messages for the National Guard members.

The Red Cross is a participating agency of the Crawford County United Way. It is not a government agency and receives no funds for operations expenses. "About 85% of needed funds come from people like you, who support our direct mail appeals," explains Sue Shoemaker, local executive director. "Last year there were nine house fires in Crawford County impacting 30 residents. Red Cross distributed \$4,000 to the families as an outright gift to help with immediate food, clothing, and shelter needs. These funds were available thanks to the generous financial support of local businesses and residents."

Red Cross turns people's caring and concern into action. For more information on how to get involved with the Red Cross, call 800-691-6050 or visit the Gaylord service center at 114 North Court Street.

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# OPINIONS

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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## Sell Mackinac Island residence? Say it isn't so

IN THESE DAYS of tight budgets, limited income, and general deprivation for Michigan's populace, the idea has been floated that the state should sell one of its true and irreplaceable assets for a veritable handful of silver.

Michigan owns a stately residence atop the bluffs on Mackinac Island for a governor's summer residence. It was built in 1902, and the state acquired it from the federal government in 1945 for \$15,000. Almost \$1 million was raised in a fund raising drive in the 1990s for renovations and upkeep.

Traditionally the governor uses it for a summer vacation spot, although much official business also has been conducted within its walls and on its sweeping front porch, which boasts unmatched views of the Straits of Mackinac and the Mackinac Bridge.

Various governors have used the summer mansion in various ways, but all Michigan governors since 1945 have enjoyed it to one extent or another. Probably Democrat G. Mennen

Williams and Republican William Milliken have spent the most hours in the Mackinac mansion ..... of course, these two were the longest serving governors during those years, too.

Mackinac Island itself is one of Michigan's greatest tourist attractions, drawing visitors from around the world. Thousands of Island visitors have been guests at the Governor's Residence through the years.

For the people of Michigan to provide perhaps the most prominent residence on the Island for use of their governor should be a point of pride for all of us.

It's not necessary, of course. But it's very, very nice.

ADMITTEDLY, MICHIGAN is in a financial bind these days. So are most other states.

Senator Shirley Johnson, chair of the Senate appropriations committee, posed the problem: "In fairness, we have to ask, if we can only afford core programs, as beautiful and as wonderful as that

house is, can we afford it?"

The answer is: Can we afford not to keep it?

How much would be raised if the residence is sold? Maybe \$1.5 to \$2 million. A multi-billion dollar deficit is projected for next year's budget. Dumping the Mackinac house solves no problem...it only delays solution.

Once sold, the Mackinac house most likely would be lost to the public forever. That's not a good trade.

IF BUDGET MAKERS are in such dire need for cash as they seem to be, let's think outside the box to work on the problem.

Don't sell the Mackinac mansion, but take out a mortgage. Listen when one of these mortgage sales pitches comes uninvited on your phone, explaining how mortgage rates are low, low, low, and how easy you can turn your home equity into instant cash. We could take out a million dollar mortgage or more, make the easy monthly payments, and

pay off the mortgage when times get better.

That way we have the cash, and keep the Mackinac house, too. Times are going to get better, aren't they? This is only a temporary problem, isn't it?

But if we must sell an heirloom to stay afloat, why stop at the Mackinac governor's residence?

Let's sell the Mackinac Bridge, too. It would be a good deal for venture capitalists trying to find places to invest their money.

Or sell our state parks to private sources. They could raise the rates, or develop the land, and recoup their investment in short order. Or should the state hang on to our parks and do the same things to raise cash?

Or we could sell the state capitol, move government to less pretentious quarters, or even rent the capitol back.

Or we could peddle our state universities to private buyers. The University of Michigan probably would bring enough by itself to balance our budget and we

can hang on to the rest of the state universities, and only sell them off one at a time when another budget crisis comes along.

Or maybe we could fold up the legislature, and outsource the lawmaking functions of the state to private sources. We could probably empty a few office buildings in Detroit and Lansing, and it probably would be cheaper, too.

When we start divesting the public stewardship of valuable or irreplaceable assets, there's no end to what an inventive mind can conceive to solve what is only a temporary crisis.

The budget crisis is only a temporary one, isn't it?

Michigan's government leaders should not sell the governor's residence on Mackinac Island.

They should solve the supply and demand problems instead.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## How do you fight terrorism?

To the editor,

Several friends have asked me how we can fight terrorism.

Well, not be using our excellent armed forces the wrong way, for one thing. If you're troubled with a hangnail, it doesn't help much to drop a sledgehammer on your foot.

Which brings me back to my original question: If you can't use conventional weapons against terrorism, how do you fight it?

1. Well, terrorism is a weapon of the mind. It would help if we used our brains. Many of the countries which oppose an Iraq war are actually making inroads on the terrorists, using intelligence to find where they are and what they're planning.

2. Cut off their roots of support. What we should do is try not to create more terrorists. There is a huge Arab population in the Middle East, most of which is politically inert. These people are potentially either for us or against us. If we invade Iraq, we are going to provoke a gigantic backlash against us. Recruits and support for Al-Qaeda will mushroom.

President Bush himself had the solution when he said, "We will win the hearts and minds of people in the Arab world." The trouble is, he didn't act on it. It isn't too late to act on it now. But if we go into Iraq, it will be too late.

3. Find out what people's

grievances are. Talk - communicate - dialog. Osama himself is beyond dialog right now. But we should be aiming at his potential supporters. The Arab world is full of anger and frustration. Some of it is at their own governments, some of it is at Israel, and some of it is at us.

Rightly or wrongly, the average Arab citizen sees us as being a part of their world, their problems. If they think that, can we afford to ignore them?

If any of us has a grievance with a friend, or their boss, or in the family, what is the one thing that makes you feel angriest? If that person doesn't even want to listen! It costs so little to listen and try to understand, yet the USA hasn't really tried it yet.

Yes, we've had talks with Arab governments. And the US is spying on people's e-mails, probably including yours and mine, but we have done almost nothing to give the average Arab the feeling that the USA cares two cents for what happens to him or her.

There is so much we could do to reach Arabs at the grass-roots level, to convince them we aren't against them, that we aren't trying to destroy Islam, that we do care for Arab countries for something other than oil, that we'd actually like them to have decent representative government and decent lives.

But we have to do it now. And we have to stay out of Iraq. If we invade Iraq, people in the Arab

world are not going to believe anything we say afterwards. Ask yourself: if you made friends with somebody and then borrowed his car without asking, he could forgive it for the sake of friendship. But if you make free with the car first, and try to claim you're his friend afterwards... well, I wouldn't give that "friendship" much of a chance!

Lots of people are saying we should support our military because those brave men and women are willing to lay down their lives for our country if they need to. I am not in the least against the military. However, if we care about our enlisted men and women, we should want to make darn sure those brave people are risking their lives in the best cause.

How would we feel if US soldiers lose their lives and then instead of protecting our country, their sacrifice makes our country less safe than ever? If it destabilizes the Middle East and provokes an increase in terror? This is a very, very real possibility - and what a tragic waste it would be! So before we send in our soldiers to "sort everything out," let's just ask if it really would sort anything out. And what if it wouldn't? Then let's keep the sword in the scabbard and, as Winston Churchill said, "Jaw-jaw is better than war-war."

Cathy Lester  
Grayling

## War will not stop terrorism

To the editor,

I'm opposed to the war because I don't think it will stop terrorism.

Families will be hurt if the family members get shipped overseas to Iraq.

People will get killed. A few years later then, they will come back to hurt us again.

We need to stop the war.

Matthew Letts  
7th Grade  
Grayling

## America must stand united in the name of freedom

To the editor,

It is the noble sacrifice of our men and women in our military that has preserved our freedoms as a nation. We respect the right to freedom of speech by all citizens to publicly express their own views.

One of our most controversial articles in the *Avalanche* was "Better Dead than Red." We supported our nation and military during the entire Vietnam War. The goal of that war was to contain the threat of world tyranny by communism. The sacrifices of our soldiers in Vietnam helped bring about the later fall of the "Iron Curtain" and the Soviet Union.

Today we are again threatened by world tyranny through global terrorism.

We did not start this war. Years of appeasement in the name of diplomacy only emboldened the terrorists. President Bush has said that every nation or person who is not with us in the global war against terrorism, is with the enemy. Jesus Christ said in Mark 9:40: "For he that is not against us is on our part." Christ also said in Luke 9:50: "And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us."

Just as the communist tail wagged the lazy liberal dog in Hollywood during our war against global communism, even so now, the peace movement is promoted by a reported communist front organization called A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism).

On its website, the organization provides an anti-war leaflet entitled, "Emergency response protests & walk-outs," in which it claims to be the "single biggest obstacle to war." It goes on to say, "However, if the war starts we must be organized to resist and disable the war machine." The organization calls this

war "a unilateral war of aggression." It encourages organized walkouts to "converge mid-day at noon at city centers." It also calls for mass protests "by marching through city neighborhoods beginning at 5 p.m. (the next day at 5 p.m. if the bombing begins at night)."

Some of A.N.S.W.E.R.'s slogans are: "Unite to Fight the Warmongers," "Impeach Bush," "No War Against Iraq! Eliminate U.S. Weapons of Mass Destruction," and "Stop Bush and Ashcroft's Political Targeting!" which is A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition's statement on the arrest of Florida professor, Sami Al-Arian.

(Sami Al-Arian has since been both arrested and fired from his teaching position at South Florida University because evidence has been revealed tying him in with global terrorism.)

During the time of our Civil War, Abraham Lincoln quoted the teachings of Jesus Christ from Mark 3:24 and 25: "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." America has been attacked by global terrorism. Thousands died in the World Trade Center and other similar events. We need a united America to survive!

Our military families are appreciated, supported, encouraged, and welcome at Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling. Full support for the war to preserve and promote religious, political, and economic freedom is considered part of our patriotic duty as Christians living in freedom in America. -- "Pastor B"

Dr. Robert J. Barnett  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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## VIEWPOINT

by Lynnette Corlew,  
Chairwoman  
Crawford County Board  
of Commissioners

## Window of opportunity is now

With the tremendous budget constraints Crawford County is facing, many citizens are asking: "What is going on with the courthouse and jail?"... "How can you afford to move and build new?"... "Whose idea was this anyway?"

Sound familiar? Last year, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was approached by the developer of Bear's Landing. He was inquiring as to our future needs for county property expansion with regard to parking and an access road to connect M-72 West and Michigan Avenue. Our needs were expressed, but also the reality of having a limited budget was also shared.

A former Crawford County resident came to the developer, Commissioner Scott Hanson and myself with the idea of selling the county property to the neighboring development so that prime real estate could be placed on the tax rolls and we would move to a less valuable location. This idea has developed into a written request by the developer to seriously look at our options.

I felt we needed community involvement and formed an exploration committee with several points of view brought to the table.

Three residents, three elected officials, two employees, the current director of MSU Extension, and the Crawford County Building Authority has taken on this task.

They are charged with the mission of seeing to the option of relocation, without county government incurring additional debt. Is this an impossible task? Maybe, but the window of opportunity is now and the individuals asked to serve will explore all options.

We can only move forward if this is a win-win situation for everyone involved. We will keep you, the taxpayers, informed as we progress. Suggestions are always appreciated.

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# BRIEFS

## Rep. Gillard to visit Crawford County

106th District State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) will hold office hours in Crawford County on Thursday, March 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, in Grayling. During these informal office hours, area residents are encouraged to discuss with Rep. Gillard any questions and concerns they may have about state government. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-MATT-106.

## Dance to raise funds for GMS project

The Modern Woodmen Camp #6378 will hold a matching funds project to benefit the Grayling Middle School (GMS) Media Center. On Friday, March 21, an activity night will be held at GMS from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and includes a dance, game rooms, open gym and food. Admission will be \$3. For more information, call Patty Salyers at (989) 348-4442.

## GHS Class of '83 planning reunion

The Grayling High School Class of 1983 will be holding its 20-year reunion on August 9. The reunion committee is looking for current addresses of many classmates. Anyone who is a friend or relative of a member of the Class of 1983 is asked to contact them and have them send their updated information to: J. Harney, P.O. Box 762, Manistee, MI 49660. More information on reunion plans will follow.

## Sheriff to attend Beaver Creek meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

## Apply for a ABWA scholarship

The members of the local chapter of ABWA (American Business Women's Association) are accepting applications for scholarships for the Fall 2003 college term. Applications are available during regular business hours at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, The Comfort Center, and Doorways of the North through April 15. In May, interviews will be conducted and winners will be notified. Any questions about the scholarship process may be directed to Cathy at 348-6708.

## Second 'March for Peace' planned

A "March for Peace," coordinated by some members of the Grayling Christian community, will be held Saturday, March 8, beginning at 11 a.m., forming in the Grayling City Park. For more information, call Lorna Morse at 348-7037 or Cathy Lester at 348-8801.

## Borchers Post/Auxiliary call meeting

A meeting of the C.W. Borchers VFW Post 3736 will be held at the American Legion Post 106 in Grayling on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Auxiliary members will meet earlier in the day at 3 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

## Eagles to host Wednesday fish fry

Grayling Eagles #3465 will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Wednesday, March 12, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person and includes cole slaw, au gratin potatoes, french fries, green beans and dessert. The Eagles Hall is located at 602 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. The public is welcome.

## Go Irish with Celtic Dessert Concert

The annual Celtic Dessert Concert, presented by the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program, will be performed at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Sunday, March 9. Performing this year are the Encore Winds, Grand Traverse Highlanders and vocalist Doug Knorr. Doors open at 2 p.m., concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each, \$10 for students/senior citizens, and are available at the CASD main office, 403 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, at the door, or by calling (989) 348-7146. Tickets include assorted desserts and non-alcoholic beverages. This program is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Free financial seminar offered

The public is invited to attend a free seminar, hosted by the Grayling investment representative from the financial services firm Edward Jones. The seminar titled, "Charting the Course," will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. For more information or to register, call Kurt Loll at 348-6964.

## Handgun safety course offered

Kirtland Community College is accepting registration for a handgun safety class that fulfills the training requirements of Michigan's concealed weapons (CCW) law.

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course has been certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards in compliance with Public Act 381 of 2000.

The non-credit course is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience. In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator.

The class will meet on two Saturdays, April 5 and April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. While the law requires only eight hours of training, Kirtland's program

offers additional material and hands-on practice for a total of 16 hours.

Participants must attend both sessions and pass written and practical exams to earn a certificate.

Cost is \$175 per person and includes training materials. A 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens.

Participants should provide their own guns; however, college-owned weapons will be available if needed.

Registration fees include ammunition for 9mm, .38, .40 and .45-caliber weapons. Trainees using other weapons will need to bring ammunition.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, contact Kirtland's Criminal Justice Office at (989) 275-5000, ext. 283, or by e-mail glibsc@kirtland.edu.

## Four-star general to discuss war, terrorism

Highly-decorated four-star U.S. Army General Barry McCaffrey will speak via live broadcast, at two special one-hour programs, free to the public, next Tuesday in Grayling.

During the program, retired General McCaffrey will explore what's next for U.S. military forces and examine America's progress toward homeland security.

"This unique program will offer an in-depth look at war and terrorism in America," said Kurt Loll, investment representative for the Edward Jones office located at 307 Huron Street in Grayling. "We'll also discuss whether war and terrorism should impact investment decisions."

During his military career, McCaffrey served overseas for 13 years, including four combat tours. In the Persian Gulf War, he commanded the 24th Infantry Division.

McCaffrey has also served as the assistant to General Colin Powell and supported the Joint Chiefs of Staff as advisor to the Secretary of State and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Under President Bill Clinton, McCaffrey was appointed U.S. "drug czar." In that capacity, he served as a member of the pres-

ident's Cabinet and the National Security Council for drug-related issues.

At retirement from active duty, General McCaffrey was the most highly decorated and youngest four-star general. He twice received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal for valor. He was also awarded two Silver Stars and received three Purple Heart Medals for wounds sustained in combat.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, McCaffrey is currently the Olin distinguished professor of National Security Studies. He is also president of his own consulting firm and regularly appears as an analyst for NBC News on issues of national security and terrorism.

This live, interactive broadcast is part of the Edward Jones "Face to Face" investor education series. It is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

For more information about the March 11 programs or to reserve a seat, call Loll at 348-6964. Additional viewing opportunities are available for those unable to attend these two sessions.

## Grayling fire chief continues kids' fire safety program

Chief Duane Brooks of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department is continuing his organization's commitment to fire prevention by organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Grayling.

Over 750 youngsters, ages five through 12, will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level.

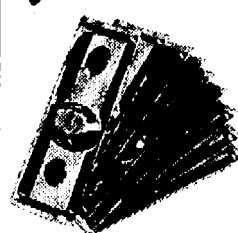
This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter. Various other fire safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless death.

Bob Koch, of the Nation Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. Koch is the Area Fire Safety Coordinator of the NFSC, a federal tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501(c)3 and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to area business,

industrial, and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department. Anyone not receiving a letter, who would like to sponsor, mail a check to the department, made payable to National Fire Safety Council. Chief Brooks stresses to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type the Grayling City/Township Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Chief Duane Brooks, contact the fire department immediately.

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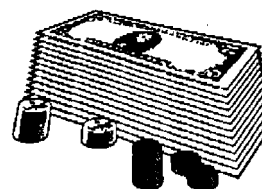
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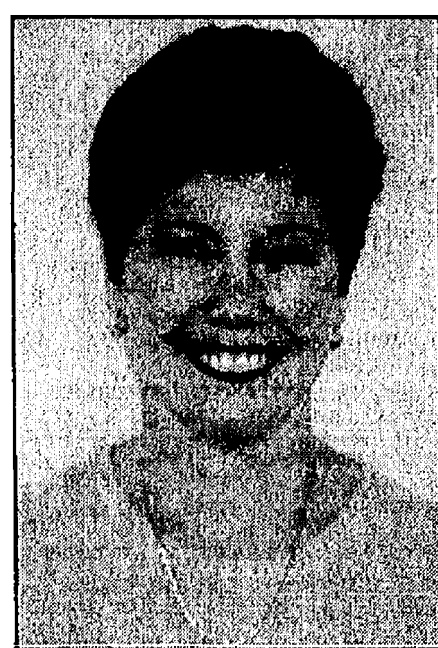


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# The Bible Speaks

## Truth or Lies

Truth, beauty, and goodness are virtues we all appreciate. God has transcended the natural realm to enable us to know and appreciate these virtues. Because God created us in His own image, He made us to be naturally attracted to truth, beauty and goodness, and repulsed by lies, ugliness, and evil. The ability to believe that such a contrast in values even exists is evidence God created all of us as moral beings.

We are constantly challenged in this world by conflicting forces either promoting truth or lies, beauty or ugliness, goodness or evil. The choices we make will affect the character and conduct of ourselves, our families, and our nation. Our choices will determine our present and future welfare.

All other creatures on earth are governed by what we call instinct. Animals were programmed by their creator to obey. Humans alone were created in the image of God and therefore given the ability to choose. But, with this privilege comes responsibility. You and I must decide what we will believe and what we will do with our lives. One word can best characterize our unique and glorious privilege: freedom! Through faith in His word, God gives us freedom to know Him, to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever!

Our nation was founded upon belief in God-given freedom. Our Declaration of Independence

declares that our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property are the gifts of our creator God. Our U.S. Constitution was written to give us laws to protect these freedoms. Our success as a nation is one proof God has blessed us. Our Bible remains the foundational truth that undergirds all of our virtues and rights.

But why are we constantly being confronted with lies, ugliness, and evil? Evil originated by the choice of one person, Lucifer. Read the record of Lucifer's sin and fall in Isaiah 14:12-14. Lucifer became the devil because of his sin. Jesus said of him in John 8:44: "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." Satan's first words to Eve in the Garden of Eden were in the form of a question that implied a lie in Genesis 3:1: "Yea, hath God said?" Satan first questioned God's integrity. Then Eve made a choice to believe and accept Satan's lie and reject God's truth. "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:4,5)

By rejecting God, many still follow Satan by believing they have become little gods. Trusting in

Satan's lie, they logically reject God's Word, the Bible. They disregard the Declaration of Independence as antiquated and irrelevant because it declares Bible truth. They promote judicial activism to revise the meaning of the U. S. Constitution because it was originally adopted to preserve these truths by law.

Some of us still believe truth, beauty, and goodness are the gracious gifts of God. We still believe America has been blessed above other nations on earth because of our trust in God. May God help us not to lose His blessings of truth, beauty, goodness, and freedom through which He has made us great. Pastor "B"

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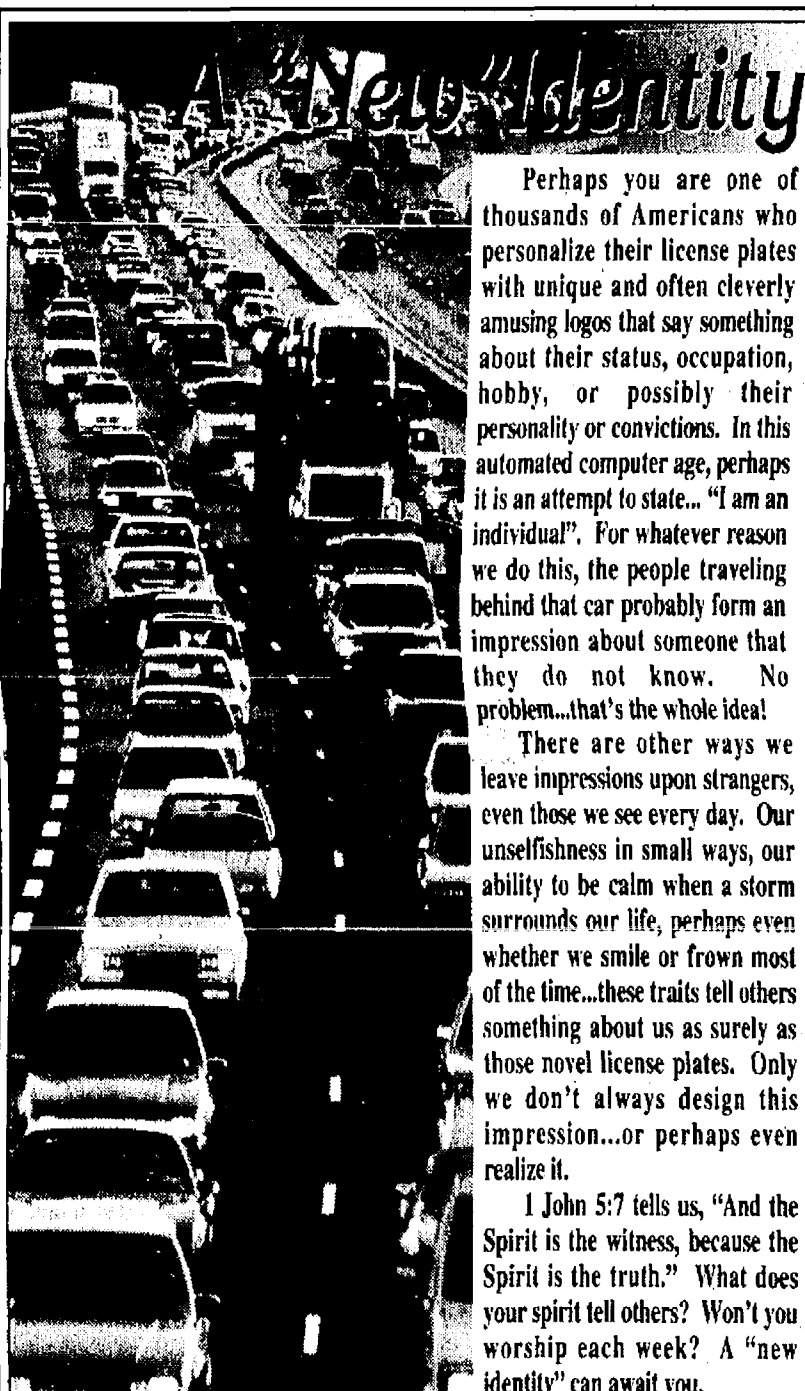
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Grayling resident Linda Bearss (center) recently donated a quilted flag motif to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, dedicated as follows: "For those lives lost on September 11, 2001 and for those brave men and women who serve our country to keep us free." Accepting the flag quilt for the library were Friends of the Library president, Alice Sturm (left) and treasurer, Shirley Schmooch (right).



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There are other ways we leave impressions upon strangers, even those we see every day. Our selfishness in small ways, our ability to be calm when a storm surrounds our life, perhaps even whether we smile or frown most of the time...these traits tell others something about us as surely as those don't license plates. Only we don't always design this impression...or perhaps even realize it.

I John 5:7 tells us, "And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth." What does your spirit tell others? Won't you worship each week? A "new identity" can await you.

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Tuesday.....7 pm

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Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

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Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

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Evening Worship.....6 pm  
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Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

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Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

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Wednesday Service.....7 pm

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Sunday Service.....10 am

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Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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## Composer/pianist to perform at Kirtland

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will present a concert with Paul Williams on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m.

Williams has been lauded and awarded over the years by audiences and his peers alike, not only as one of the most gifted and prolific lyricists and composers, but also as a singer, an actor and a humanitarian.

As a composer, Williams has received nine nominations from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and six nominations each from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, and has filled his shelves with Grammys, Golden Globes and an Oscar for his victories.

Another honor was received in 2001 when he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Williams' current album, "Come Back to Love Again" features many of his hits like "I Won't Last a Day Without You," "An Old Fashioned Love Song," and "Rainbow Connection," and "You're Gone," which he wrote for Diamond Rio.



Paul Williams will perform March 15 at KCPA.

Williams has also written other hits like "Evergreen," "We've Only Just Begun," "A Star Is Born," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Muppet Christmas Carol," "The Muppet Movie," "Family of Man," "Bugsy Malone," and the "Love Boat Theme."

Williams' list of acting credits is almost as long as his songs. Among his memorable movies

have been "The Muppet Movie," "The Doors," "Battle for the Planet of the Apes," "Phantom of Paradise," and his running portrayal of Little Ennos in the three "Smokey and the Bandit" films.

His TV credits include "Star Trek," "Walker, Texas Ranger," "Picket Fences," "Boston Common," "Babylon," "Hart to Hart," and a regular role on the daytime drama "The Bold and

the Beautiful." He is also the voice of the Penguin on the animated "Batman" series.

Paul Williams has written songs for Frank Sinatra, Barbara Streisand, David Bowie, Dianna Ross, Elvis Presley, Gladys Knight, John Denver, Ella Fitzgerald, The Carpenters, Luther VanDross, Olivia Newton-John, Kenny Loggins, Art Garfunkel, Helen Reddy, Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, Bing Crosby, Glen Campbell, Crystal Gayle, Kris Kristofferson, and Neal McCoy, to list a few.

Williams has also written songs and scores for such movies as "Cinderella Liberty," "The Muppet Movie," "Bugsy Malone," "Rocky IV," The Secret of Nimh," and The Muppet Christmas Carol.

Paul Williams will present a variety of his songs at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see and listen to this performing arts legend.

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777.

## 2003 River Fest parade theme announced

► Participants asked to follow 'America the Beautiful' theme

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Parade Committee has announced that the theme of the 2003 AuSable River Festival Parade will be "America the Beautiful" and is looking for participants.

"We are looking for entries that feature the things that make this a great country," said Parade Committee Chairperson Joni Duncel. "They can include people, places, ideas or institutions -- just anything that helps to define us as a nation."

The AuSable River Festival Parade is one of many events in the days leading up to the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River

Canoe Marathon each year. Other activities include concerts, an arts and crafts show, a car show, youth racing and a lot of food. The parade route follows Michigan Avenue through the city of Grayling on Saturday, July 26 at 3 p.m.

The internationally-known race brings people into Grayling from all over the country and sometimes farther away. It is an

opportunity to showcase a business or organization, express originality in the interpretation of a theme, and enjoy a truly great celebration.

Traditionally, parade units include floats, marching units, bands and a variety of vehicles, giving entrants a choice of how they would like to present themselves in conjunction with the theme.

In addition to parade entries, the Parade Committee is also seeking volunteers who are enthusiastic and willing to contribute a few hours to organize and stage this event. Anyone who would like a parade application or to volunteer is asked to call Chairperson Duncel at (989) 348-4801, or send an e-mail to her: mikejoni@free-way.net.

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With a unanimous vote, S.B.180 passed out of the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs. The bill, if approved, will ban agencies from using 900 numbers to charge callers who want to access public information. Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, have been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute for such access.

"The people of our state work hard for their money and should not be charged by state agencies for accessing public information," Sen. Stamas said. "If Senate Bill 180 passes, the state will no longer be able to collect this type of income from Michigan's citizens."

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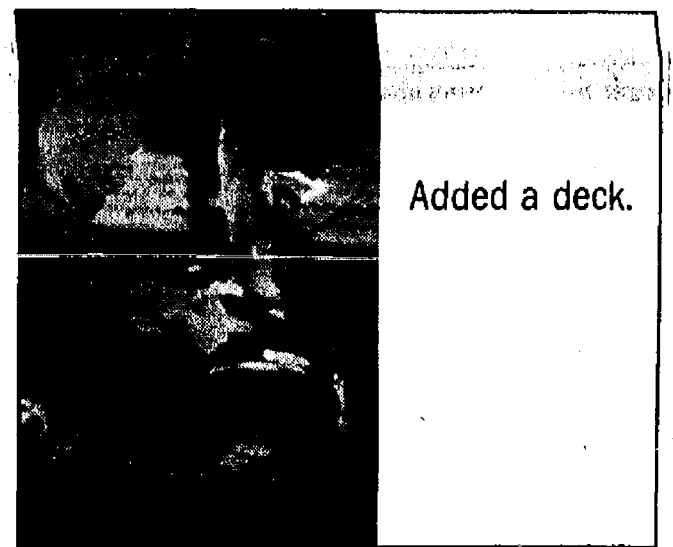
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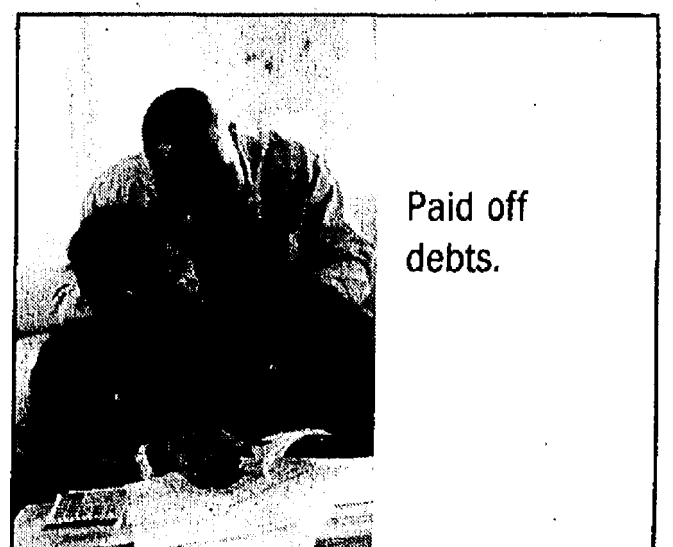
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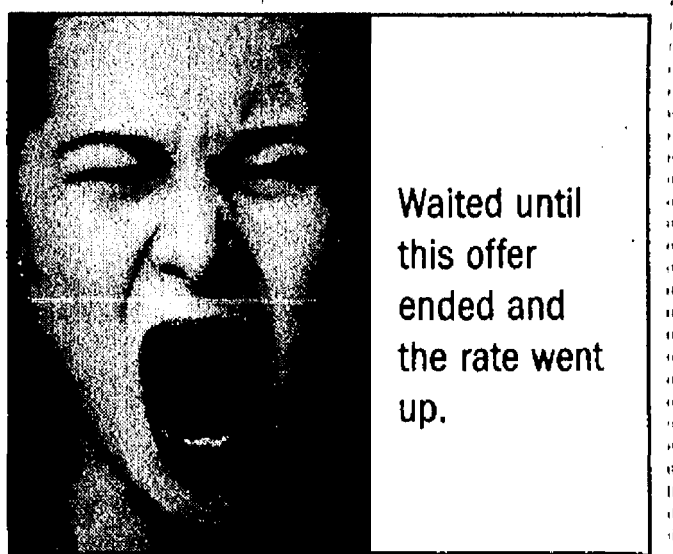
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The 46th Circuit Trial Court



# OPINIONS

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

## Veteran prays for peace, not war

To the editor,

I am writing this letter at the urging of friends and based on my own experience of involvement in the Korean (War) Conflict.

I am a disabled veteran, though thankfully not totally disabled as so many persons from the conflict are. My unit, the 31st Infantry Regiment, suffered a 70 percent casualty rate in the defeat at the Chosin Reservoir.

It troubles me to hear "hawks," clamoring for a war against a sovereign nation just because the pundits and draft-dodgers in charge have told us they have a potential to harm us.

Though Iraq had no involvement in the "9/11" tragedy and the administration denies any attempt to establish such linkage, such has been implied by attempting to establish a connection between Osama bin Laden and Iraq. The FBI has stated there is no such tangible link.

Here are what I believe are three good reasons for not sending our friends and youth into a war with Iraq: Korean War deaths

numbered 33,651, the wounded numbered 103,284, for a total of 136,935. Let's not forget that we really lost this war and have spent the past 50-plus years guarding our gains.

The Vietnam War saw 58,168 deaths, 153,303 wounded, for a total of 211,471. Another war we lost and have not yet finished grieving over.

The Gulf War saw 293 deaths and 467 wounded, for a total of 760. And, the battle goes on for many who are claiming injury, which our government claims are not valid. By the way, and apologetically to many friends and acquaintances, I am convinced we didn't win this one, either.

In each case cited above, we were skill-wise and technologically superior to our adversaries, so what went wrong?

What is wrong and what can and will go wrong now? How many numbers will we add to the statistics? God only knows.

My prayers are for peace not war.

George H. Morse  
Grayling

## Why are Grayling gas prices higher?

To the editor,

We were in Traverse City, gas

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prices were \$1.68 (per gallon).

Back in Grayling, gas prices were \$1.77 (per gallon).

We went to Houghton Lake, gas prices were \$1.68 (per gallon).

Why are Grayling gas prices so much higher? Are we trying to drive people away with higher gas prices in Grayling? We, in Grayling should buy our gas in other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker  
Grayling

## Teen party at library marred by disrespect

To the editor,

This letter is also addressed to Crawford County parents.

First off, I would like to commend Library Director, Mr. Edward Elsner, for the terrific job he's doing in trying to provide wholesome activities for our children. He has even given our teens a say in all of this.

I was one of seven volunteers at the Teen Party last Friday night (February 21), held at the Devereaux Memorial Library, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., to see this in action as some teens were enjoying themselves while behaving, while some chose to abuse and disrespect what was being done for them.

There was a movie, music with an open microphone, refreshments, complete access and use of the computers, plus card and board games.

Needless to say, praise and acknowledgement is given to those teens who chose to show proper respect, behavior and joined in the many activities offered during the party.

But then, there were the few who chose to show lack of respect and proper behavior by having a foul mouth, chasing and running, jumping on and over the chairs, plus calling some of the volunteers foul names. To those parents, you need to take time to sit down and explain to your children the proper respect and behavior at activities out in public.

For those teens, who chose to show up just long enough to partake of the refreshments offered, and then left: Shame on you. Didn't your parents teach you better manners than that?

In an article in the Avalanche

before the week of the party, it was clearly stipulated that the teens had to have and present proof of their age before they would be allowed to enter and enjoy the party which was totally and completely free of any charge. Some parents complied with this rule, but for the ones who didn't: Shame on you.

If we parents can't follow rules, then how can we expect our children to do so. They learn from our example.

In summing all this up: Parents, teach your children. Children, learn the good things from them and behave accordingly with proper behavior and respect. By doing this, everyone will continue to have these activities available to them.

But, the abuse and disrespect definitely has to be nipped in the bud and stopped before it gets totally out of hand.

In closing, you teens who know how to behave and show respect and do so, need to let those who don't and won't know just how you feel about their behavior and lack of respect. Let them know that they either shape up or ship out. Don't let a few spoiled sports ruin a good thing for the rest of you.

Parents, we need to get totally behind Mr. Elsner and the Library Teen Board. Let him know how much we appreciate his efforts in what he's trying to do for our children. Our teens need to know that we are 100% behind them and applaud them for their efforts to make things better. Keep up the good work -- all of you.

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## VIEWPOINT

by Ronald F. Conley

American Legion National Commander

### American Legion recommends improvements to VA budget

The Bush administration's 2004 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs has a strong bottom line, but a few disturbing proposals.

I'll give the administration credit for seeking \$25.4 billion in VA health care funding, not counting the \$2.1 billion VA expects to collect from third-party insurance providers. This is a substantial request and a good sign from the administration.

Having said that, The American Legion cannot support a couple of proposals that would affect veterans in VA's lowest health care priority groups. Charging a \$250 enrollment fee to all veterans in Priority Group 8 and to non-service connected veterans in Priority Group 7 is utterly ridiculous.

Congress should reject that proposal, just as it did the administration's plan last year to charge Priority Group 7 veterans a \$1,500 deductible.

Additionally, although eliminating the pharmacy co-payment for certain veterans in the second through fifth priority groups is

laudable, raising it from \$7 to \$15 for the bottom two priority groups should be avoided.

Having toured 18 VA hospitals in 16 states, since I was elected National Commander in September, I've seen firsthand the effects of under-funding VA health care. It makes hundreds of thousands of veterans wait months for an appointment at a VA medical facility, and it forces dedicated VA professionals to work with inadequate resources.

The short-term answer is to provide adequate discretionary funding to VA without forcing those who sacrificed for freedom to make enormous financial sacrifices to receive the health care they should expect from a grateful nation.

The long-term answers are to fund VA the way Medicare and Social Security are funded -- on a mandatory basis -- and to allow veterans on Medicare to use their benefits to pay for treatment at VA the same way they can use Medicare at a for-profit facility that conceivably would charge the American taxpayer more money than VA would.



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# Snowmobile warning network proposed

by Jeremy W. Steele  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- For years, AAA Michigan has used radio reports, web sites and telephone hotlines to warn drivers about dangerous road conditions throughout the state.

Now a bipartisan group of state senators is wondering if the same strategy can reduce fatal snowmobile accidents.

At least 29 people have died in snowmobile accidents in Michigan so far this winter, including eight in the Upper Peninsula. Thirty-three people died last year, according to the Department of Natural Resources, with a record 48 fatalities during the 1995-96 season.

More than 378,000 snowmobiles are licensed in the state, according to the Secretary of State's office.

"Every year we hear of multiple stories about people getting killed because they're either on a vehicle that they're not trained to operate or they're not following certain safety precautions," said Holland Republican Sen. Wayne Kuipers, one of 11 senators supporting a resolution encouraging state agencies, law enforcement and travel organizations to establish a statewide program to report snowmobile conditions.

"This resolution just urges the departments to get creative to get information out to snowmobilers."

Too many deaths, the senators said, have occurred because snowmobile riders didn't pay attention to safety notices about thin ice.

In January, five Michigan residents drowned within five days of each other when their snowmobiles went through thin ice. Three of those deaths occurred at Grand Traverse County's Long Lake, while two drowned in Houghton Lake.

"Ice can be a really dangerous situation, not just for the danger of dropping through, but trying to stop and steer," said Paul Weber, a AAA Michigan safety education consultant. "They really recommend that you don't ride on ice. But a lot of people like to because it's pretty flat and pretty straight and you can get faster speeds that way."

The resolution's chief sponsor, Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) has run several radio public service announcements since January about snowmobile safety. Her goal is to create a snowmobile safety week in January, said Emily Carney, McManus' chief of staff.

Other supporters of the effort include Sens. Michael Prusi (D-Ishpeming) Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) and Tony Stamas (R-Midland).

Despite concern about thin ice, the main factors contributing to accidents remain alcohol and excessive speed. Of last year's 33 fatalities, 22 were alcohol-related.

Some snowmobile safety advocates said the best way to address those problems is through safety education courses, not a statewide reporting system about snowmobile conditions.

Tourists already rely on local web sites and businesses to publicize trail conditions and safety concerns - including thin ice. But getting locals to pay attention is sometimes a challenge, said Paul Argall, a member of the DNR's Snowmobile Advisory Committee and owner of PCBM Management Company in Ishpeming.

A statewide system that duplicates existing local services could be a lot of work for nothing, said Argall, whose company rents out snowmobiles and runs a local trail condition web site.

"A lot of the people who are probably on water might be local riders, but most of the people who use our business come up and ride the trails," he said. "There are a lot of areas that constantly update on the condition of their trails so people who want to come up here will check the web site."

Local businesses and groups had been publicizing dangerous ice conditions at Long and Houghton lakes before the recent drownings, said Bill Manson, executive director of the Grand Rapids-based Michigan Snowmobile Association and chair of the DNR's Snowmobile Advisory Committee.

"It was on the news and everyone was talking about it," he said. "At every trail system that went around the lakes, they talked about open water. All those areas were being noted."

The association supports efforts to require everyone born after 1985 to take a snowmobile safety education course to drive. That change wouldn't have affected the five drowning victims, who were between 25 and 58 years of age. Under current law, only drivers between the ages of 12 and 17 must take safety courses.

"Had they had safety education and talked about ice would it have helped? I don't know," Manson said. "But we're trying to do everything we can safety education-wise to get everyone informed."

## HONORS

Twenty-one Kirtland honors students have been named to the 2003 National Dean's List, the Kirtland Honors Program has announced.

Those named to the list include: Melissa Duvall and Heather Hibbard of Grayling; William B. Frampton and Margaret Bailer of Roscommon; and Debra J. Hollis, of South Branch.

The National Dean's List is the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Honorees are selected by their college deans, registrars, honors

directors, or honors society advisors, and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and extracurricular involvement. Those selected are listed in *Who's Who Among American College Students*.

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## **Hospital board names two new trustees**

Mercy Hospital Grayling has added two new trustees to its Board of Trustees for 2003. Detroit resident, Sister Maureen Mulcrone, RSM, and Roscommon architect, Thomas J. O'Brien, were named to the Board of Trustees, effective January 1.

"I'm looking forward to serving on the board," said Sister Maureen. "I'm very familiar with the hospital and know that it's very progressive in its approach to holistic care. They (doctors and staff) are dedicated to serving the health care needs of their community and I'm delighted to be part of that."

Sister Maureen has held a

variety of managerial and executive positions within Trinity Health and Mercy Health Services beginning in 1978. Since 2001, she has served as Vice President, Mission Services and Holistic Health, Trinity Continuing Care Services.

From 1993 to 2002, Sister Maureen served on the Sisters of Mercy Health System Board of Directors in St. Louis, MO. From 1988 to 1997, she was a Trustee at Mercy College of Detroit, University of Detroit Mercy.

From 1986 to 1995, she was a Board Member of the Catherine McAuley Health System in Ann

Arbor.

"We look forward to the unique expertise that Sister Maureen brings to the Mercy Grayling Board in ensuring that our strategic goals support our mission," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

O'Brien, age 46, operates Thomas J. O'Brien Architect, Inc. in Roscommon. Prior to starting his business in July 2002, he was a partner at Riesschleger and O'Brien Architects, PC in Houghton Lake. From 1983 to 1992, he was employed as a job captain at Wah Yee Associates, Architects, and Planners in Southfield.

Active in his community, O'Brien is a member of the Roscommon Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Markey Christian Ministries, Diocese of Gaylord Cursillo Movement, and the Roscommon Chamber of Commerce.

O'Brien holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Architecture and Construction Engineering

from the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects - Michigan Society of Architects - Saginaw Chapter, and the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association.

"Tom brings valuable experience to the Mercy Grayling Board and I'm sure he'll play an important role," remarked Riemer-Matuzak.

Other members of the Mercy Hospital Grayling Board are Chairman Alan Bersted, MD of Grayling; Vice Chair Barbara Souder of Prudenville; Ralph Cerny of Traverse City; Michael Duncel of Grayling; M. Naomi Holysko, RSM of Pinconning; Paul Lerg of Grayling, Howard McColley of Roscommon, Joseph Porter of Grayling, Kolandaivelu Ramaswamy, MD of Grayling; Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak of Grayling; John Rockwood of Traverse City; Michael Slubowski of Novi; and Nancy Thompson, RSM of Farmington Hills.

## **KCC accepting nominations for 2003 Outstanding Alumnus**

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is seeking nominations for the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Candidates may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected previously are welcome to have their names re-submitted for consideration again.

Selection criteria include additional education beyond the Kirtland experience, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or in the field of education. The nominee must have graduated from

Kirtland in 1993 or before, with a certificate of completion or associate degree.

The alumnus selected will be recognized to speak briefly at the college's commencement ceremony on May 9.

The winner's name also will be engraved on a plaque in the Administration Center on campus.

Formal written nominations highlighting the above criteria must be sent by March 31 to Stacey Barnes, Director of Student Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI, 48653.

## **Credit union names new mortgage service team**

Tammy Biggar and Kiley Howes have been designated North Central Area Credit Union's (NCACU) Home Mortgage Service Team.

NCACU created this team operation to remain competitive with rates and closing costs, also to offer FHA, VA, and rural development loans along with conventional products. Together, Biggar and Howes have been making great strides to enhance the mortgage operation.

"We are looking forward to having more efficient mortgage services to offer our members," said Biggar, the new Mortgage

Originator, who has worked for NCACU for 19 years.

Howes, the new Mortgage Processor, has been with the NCACU for three years and both have lived in Roscommon County all their lives.

Howes said, "I love my job. It's challenging. Tammy and I work well together and we have a lot in common."

Biggar meets with members to service their mortgage needs and Howes processes the information for NCACU. Together they work as a team to improve the services and add a personal hometown touch to NCACU's mortgage products.

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"The dedication ceremony blesses the home and all its rooms, and asks God's blessings on the home and family," Hood said.

A common misconception is that Habitat for Humanity gives these homes away for free, Hood remarked. "But, the family pays the mortgage and must also log 250 hours of 'sweat equity' working on their homes or other Habitat projects," she said.

A second home, just finished

with construction, was dedicated to a tearful, but very grateful Diane Fisk and her three children who are eager to get settled.

Members of the Habitat Board of Directors, volunteer workers, land donors, family and friends gathered for the two dedications February 23. "We are all very proud of these two young women," said Val Johnston, Habitat Board President, who also presented them with Bibles provided by the Gideon Society.

"Grant money is being sought for the construction, this year, of Crawford County's House #10," Hood said.

Anyone interested in volunteering time, either on the construction or other projects like fund-raisers, or donating goods or products, is urged to call the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity office at (989) 344-0804.



During a reception at the home, new Habitat homeowner Diane Fisk receives a gift from Dorothy Sorenson, who donated the land on which the Fisk home is built. Well-wishers included family and friends, as well as Habitat Board members, who enjoyed snacks and soft drinks and a tour of the new home.



Diane Fisk (far right) and her daughters Danielle, Jessica (in back) and Kendra (front), were congratulated by land donor Dorothy Sorenson (far left) and Habitat Board President Val Johnston (center) at the dedication of their new home.



Holding her son, Louis, new Habitat homeowner Joanna Cottenham looks on as Habitat Family Support Chairman Therese Kaiser holds a ceremonial candle lit at every home dedication, while Habitat Executive Director Jeddy Hood reads the official blessing of the home in the company of friends and family.



Habitat Board President Val Johnston (left) was on hand to celebrate with Joanna Cottenham and her children, Louis, Coleman and Shelby the dedication of their new home.



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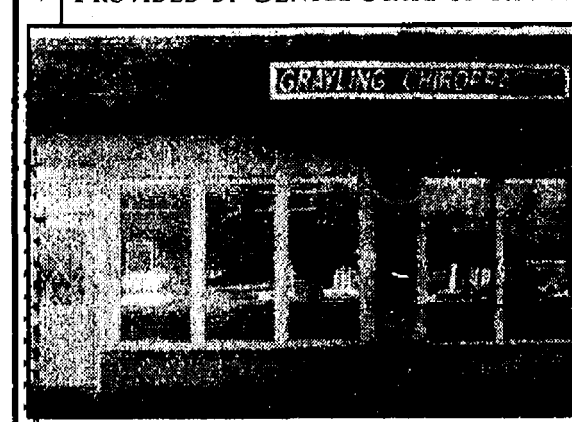
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Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for February are, from left: (front row) Ethan Lynch, Dan Clark, Leo Johnson, Cordell Gasser; (2nd row) Justin Farnsworth, Alex Horn, Josh VanSickle, Jacob Hurd, Mitchell Alimenti, A.J. Brackenbury, Joel Collin, Jeff Harwood, Jessica Wolford; (3rd row) Michael DeFranco, Nikki Stenger, Hilary Warsko, Amber Palmer, Emily Wilson, Jessica Bindschattel, Jason Wilson, Amanda Hulbert, Megan Burrick, Danielle Lighthall, Brandon Piehl, Melissa McDaniel, Wes Lane; (back row) James Haight, Dayne Rohn, Andrea Willobee, Monica Leslie, Katti Messerschmidt, Jessica Bobenmeyer, Tara Lee. Not pictured: Elajna Murray, Rachel Potter.

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The Pipeline Group - Midwest will conduct a free pipeline safety/incident response seminar for contractors, excavators, public officials and emergency response personnel on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

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## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner, reports his department handled the following 45 complaints during the period from February 23-March 2:

One misdemeanor arrest, one criminal sexual conduct, one

assist other departments, three alarms, three juveniles, two disturbing the peace, two private property accidents, six traffic accidents, two suspicious situations, 16 unclassified, and eight traffic warnings.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 5 - 11, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 5 - 6, March 8 - 9, March 11.

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### Missouri Valley College

Marianne Vollmer, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, having earned a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, with no grades below a C, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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### Northern Michigan University

Rachel Hunt and Colin Hunter, both of Grayling, have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, having earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 to 3.99.

## BIRTHS

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## OBITUARIES

### August Raymond Osborne

April 7, 1941 - March 3, 2003

August Raymond Osborne, age 61, of Grayling, died on Monday, March 3, at Mercy Hospital. He was born in Detroit, on April 7, 1941 to John Elmer and Marion Marie (Bamberg) Osborne.

He was married to Carolyn Novack on July 2, 1964 in Mt. Clemens.

Mr. Osborne was retired from General Motors and lived at Higgins Lake before moving to Grayling four years ago. He was a member of the Grayling Baptist Church, Grayling Eagles, VVA of Roscommon and was a volunteer for Mercy Amicare Hospice.

He enjoyed pool and darts. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving Mr. Osborne are his wife, Carolyn; three daughters, Cheryl (George) Clottin of Higgins Lake, Lisa (Wayne) Horn of Flat Rock and Tammy Osborne of Huron Township; six grandchildren, Natasha, Jessica, Nicholas, Kaylee, Michelle and Thomas; two sisters, Ann (Jack) Blevins of Houghton Lake and Patricia Meadows of Clinton Township; two brothers, Jimmy (Lorie) Osborne of Waukegan, IL and John Osborne of Eastpointe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marion Marie Osborne.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 6 at 11 a.m. at the Grayling Baptist Church, with visitation on Wednesday, March 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home. Pastor Terry Colby will officiate.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Flora P. "Polly" Zanger

Nov. 2, 1954 - Feb. 26, 2003

Flora P. "Polly" Zanger, age 48, of Gaylord, died Wednesday, February 26 at her home. She was born on November 2, 1954 in Grayling to Leonard and Helen (Widrig) Jensen.

Mrs. Zanger had been employed by the First National Bank of Gaylord and Kohl's Department Store.

She is survived by her husband, Dan; four children, Michael (Lori) Moore of Grand Blanc, Meghan, Dawn and Heather Wright of Carsonville; two grandsons, Antonio and Jacob Moore; three sisters, Marlene (Richard) Hale of Gaylord, Shirley Granger of Grayling and Glada (Roy) Benaway of Gaylord; two brothers, William Earl (Jeanine) Jensen of Waters and Louis (Carol) Jensen of the Upper Peninsula; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Helen and her brother, Leonard.

Services were held at Nelson Funeral Home on March 1, officiated by Elder Ted Engel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

### Thomas Edison LeMire

May 27, 1949 - Feb. 27, 2003

Thomas Edison LeMire, age 53, of Roscommon, died on February 27, 2003.

Services were held at St. Michael Catholic Church, Roscommon, on March 3.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

### Alan Edward Trosell

July 2, 1956 - Feb. 23, 2003

Alan Edward Trosell, age 46, of Roscommon, died on February 23, 2003.

Services were held at Walsh Funeral Home on February 26.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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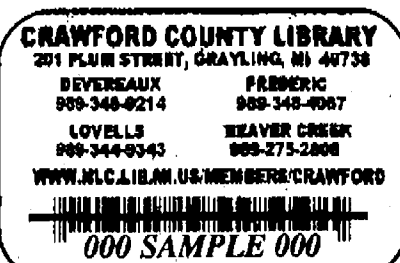
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With iBistro!, patrons can place holds on any book in the local library system, as well as books at libraries in Alpena, Petoskey, Charlevoix, and Cheboygan. Once the book arrives at the main library, the patron will be called for pick-up. With iBistro!, new library card holders are also able to renew books and view what books they have signed out via the Internet. Call 348-9214 for more information or visit [www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford](http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford).

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

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March:  
5 - Spanish Rice/Brown Steak; Commodities at St. Mary's from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Hearing Clinic by Appointment at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1:00 p.m.; CPU Class at 3:30 p.m.; Cardo at 5:30 p.m.

6 - BBQ Beef on a Bun/Sweet and Sour Pork; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

7 - Porcupine Meat Balls/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy.

8 - Foot Clinic by Appointment, please bring your towel.

10 - Lasagna/Wiener Schnitzel; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

11 - Hot Beef Sandwich/Chicken Kiev; Speaker Dr. Denholm (Chiropractor) at 12 noon; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Grayling Housing meeting at 6:30 p.m.

12 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Craft Class at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30 p.m. Birthday Dinner at 5 p.m. and White Elephant at 5:30 p.m.

Thought for the week: Helping someone in their time of need is the greatest feeling in the world.

at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, will celebrate its first birthday on Saturday, March 15. Everyone is invited to stop in the library's conference room between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for cake, cookies and balloons.

Kirtland Community College education classes continue this month with Woodcarving on March 18, and Genealogy on March 27. Call 275-5000, ext. 351 to register.

On Thursday, March 20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., local author Ida Mae Ireland will read from her novel, "From Ashes," and discuss and answer questions on writing, self-publishing techniques, types, and tactics. Stop in to meet her and get a signed copy of her book.

The library has acquired the following additions to its video library: "Roots," "Channel 1000 Travel," "Fabulous 60's," "Sensational 70's" and "Standard Deviants Math."

Children's Story Hour at the library is held every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.

The following picture books have been added to the library's children's collection:

White Swan Express; Tub Toys; Arthur, It's Only Rock-n-Roll; Dora the Explorer (various titles); Spongebob Squarepants (various titles); Walter the Farting Dog; Fireboat; Duck on a Bike; Farfallina & Marcel; Big Momma Makes the World; and Jam & Jelly by Holly & Nelly.

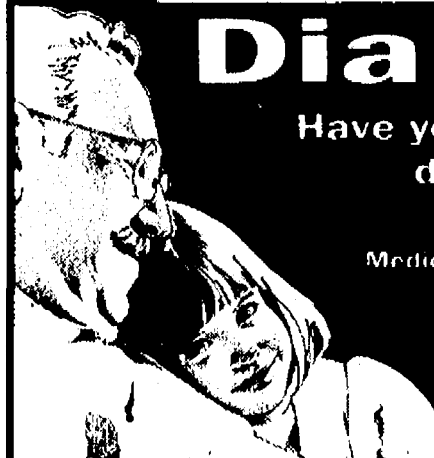
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## Ski team wins Grayling meet

► Vikings also finish 2nd out of 9 at Mt. Pleasant Invitational meet

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both finished first at the Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills on February 20.

The girls team scores were: Grayling 33, Roscommon 62, and Clare 71. (Lowest total wins.)

The Vikings were led by Heather Vandecar, who posted three team points with a 1st place finish in giant slalom (GS) and 2nd in slalom. Mallory Olson placed 1st in slalom and 4th in GS. Andria Alvarez was 6th in slalom and 2nd in GS. Kassie McClain placed 10th in slalom and 8th in GS. Jill Seager placed 9th in both events.

In the boys competition, Grayling scored 27 team points, Roscommon had 71, and Clare finished with 79.

The top skier for the Vikings was Trevor Clough, who placed 1st in slalom and 2nd in GS for three team points. Jon Handy placed 1st in GS and 4th in slalom for five points. Pat McNally finished 5th in slalom and 3rd in GS. Adam Gilbert was 7th in slalom and 5th in GS. Jim Jansen took 4th in GS and 8th in slalom despite a quick fall. Eric Hunter placed 7th in GS and fell in slalom, finishing 14th.

Combined medals were awarded to the top six skiers in

both the boys and girls competitions, with all schools being represented.

On Tuesday, February 18, both Grayling teams placed 2nd at the nine-team Mt. Pleasant Bryan Langlois Memorial Invitational Ski Meet at Snowsnake Mountain. Mt. Pleasant won both competitions.

Benzie, Clare, Roscommon, Farwell, and Saginaw Heritage also competed in the meet.

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See "SKI TEAM..."



The 2002-03 Grayling High School ski team: (front, left to right) Coach Mike Wieland, Heather Vandecar, Andria Alvarez, Kassie McClain, Jon Handy; (back, left to right) Mallory Olson, Adam Gilbert, Trevor Clough, Jessica Thomson, Eric Hunter, Jill Seager, Pat McNally, Anthony Neal, Jim Jansen.

## Vikings win at Tawas to earn a share of NEMC crown

► Grayling and Tawas both finish at 9 wins, 3 losses in league play

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team won at Tawas last Friday, securing a share of the North East Michigan Conference title.

Tawas went into the game - the last NEMC match for both teams - with a 9-2 league record. Grayling was 8-3 in the NEMC. With a 74-71 victory in Friday night's showdown vs. Tawas, the Vikings earned a piece of the league championship. (Bay City John Glenn took 2nd in the conference at 8-4, and Oscoda took 3rd at 7-5.)

"This was a great win for our kids and our school," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our team showed the toughness and poise that it took to win a game of this importance."

"We had a number of good performances," Coach Moffit said. "Our kids rose to the occasion a number of times in pressure situations. Travis Helsel, Caleb Mead, Andy Strohpaul, Roy Czapek, Chad Helsel, Phil Armstrong, Adam Kaiser, Gibson Tobin, Joe Zelek, Greg Morrii, Joe Lange, and Roger

### NORTH EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league record	overall record
*Tawas	9-3	15-4
*GRAYLING	9-3	13-7
BC John Glenn	8-4	11-9
Oscoda	7-5	13-7
Standish Sterling	4-8	6-14
Ogemaw Heights	3-9	6-14
Pinconning	2-10	4-16

\*NEMC Co-Champion

NEMC standings compiled by The Bay City Times

Alvarez came together and created the identity of this team."

At Tawas, Lange came up big for Grayling with a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. He also had eight blocked shots. Kaiser had a team-high 21 points and four steals. Tobin had eight points and a team-high 10 assists. T. Helsel, Czapek, Strohpaul, Alvarez, and Zelek also scored points in the match for GHS.

The 2002-03 season was Grayling's last in the North East Michigan Conference. Next season, GHS will be in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Junior Varsity: 57-37

Freshman: Grayling Vikings 59, Rosco Bucks 47

## GHS basketball teams defeat Roscommon

► Vikings post wins at Tawas and Roscommon in last games of year

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team finished its 2002-03 season with a 62-59 victory at Tawas last Friday. The team ended the year with an impressive 18-2 win/loss record.

Against Tawas, Grayling led 30-22 at halftime and 46-37

going into the fourth quarter. The Braves mounted a fourth quarter comeback, but the Vikings held them off to seal their 18th victory.

"It was an exciting game at the end, it was up for grabs," Coach Butch Hayes said. "Our kids did a good job to end it."

"We had a good season - a great group of kids that worked hard, played hard," Coach Hayes said.

Josh Hinkle was the leading

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See "JV SQUAD..."

► 9th grade team pulls ahead with a strong second half effort at RHS

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team posted a 59-47 victory over the Bucks of Roscommon at RHS last Tuesday.

Grayling struggled to minimize its turnovers in the first half, but the Vikings put together a strong second half -

including a 19-10 performance in the fourth quarter - to win the game.

Roscommon led 16-9 after one quarter and had a 23-21 edge at halftime.

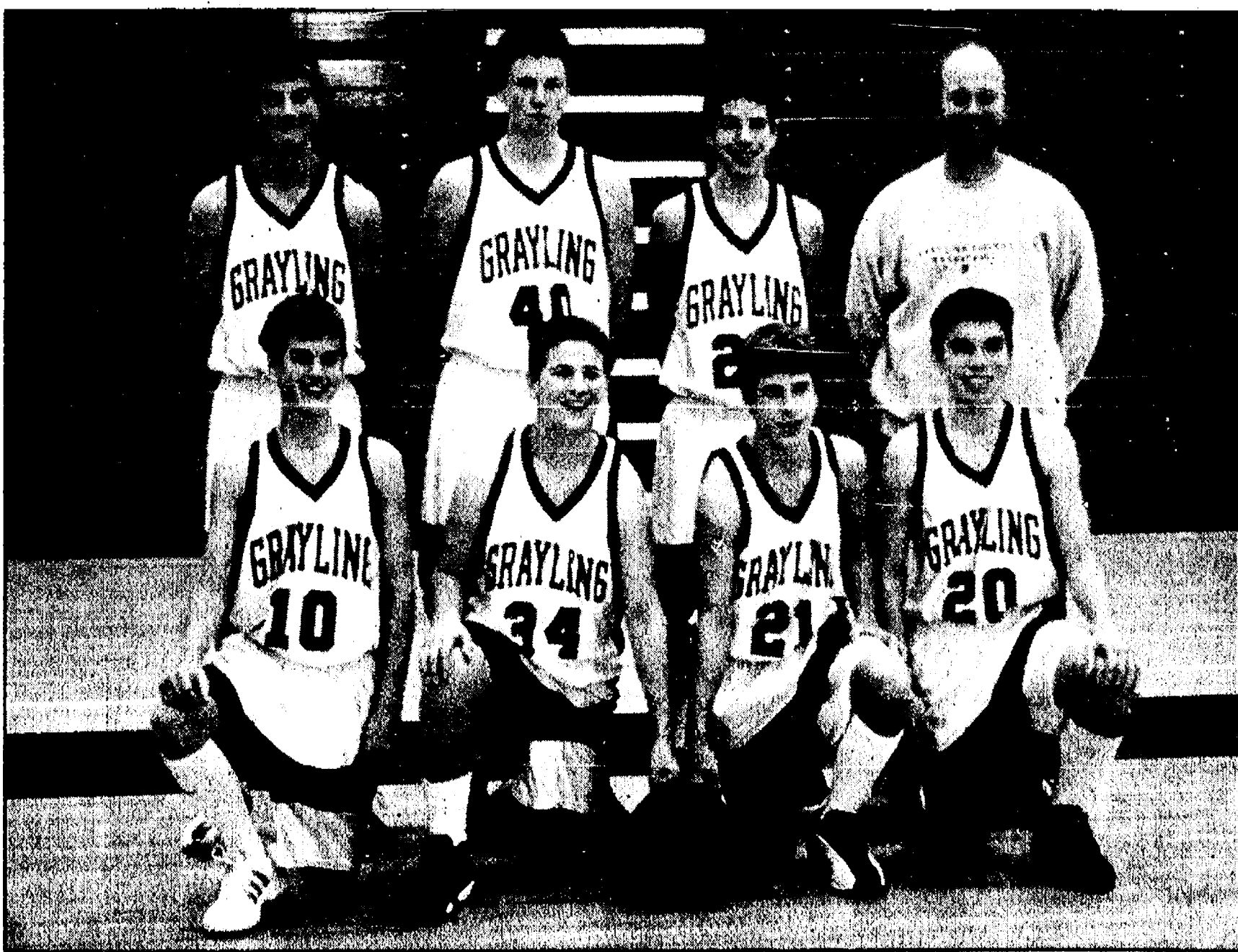
The Vikings scored their 21 first half points on (first quarter) a drive by Reagan Schmidt,

a shot inside and a jumper by Eli VanNuck, a jump shot by Zac Baker, a free throw by Ryan Feldhauser, (second quarter) four free throws by Schmidt, two shots inside by Baker, and a drive by Schmidt.

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See "FRESHMAN..."




Grayling guard Ryan Schmidt brings the ball up the floor in the game at Roscommon on Tuesday.



The 2002-03 Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team: (front, left to right) Ryan Feldhauser, Zeke Hayes, Eli VanNuck, Zac Baker; (back, left to right) J.C. Schneider, Zach Dean, Reagan Schmidt, Coach Joe Mau.






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**FOOT NOTES**

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Burger King Invitational medalists (boys competition): Trevor Clough (Grayling), 1st; Jon Handy (Grayling), 2nd; Ryan Bosworth (Roscommon), 3rd; Pat McNally (Grayling), 4th; Paul Mathon (Clare), 5th; Jim Jansen (Grayling), 6th.



Medalists (girls competition) at Grayling's Burger King Invitational: Heather Vandecar (Grayling), 1st; Mallory Olson (Grayling), 2nd; Andria Alvarez (Grayling), 3rd; Mandy Scott (Roscommon), 4th; Danielle Scott (Roscommon), 5th; Brenda Gordon (Clare), 6th.

## Ski team wins Grayling meet



Eric Hunter, a GHS senior, skis the giant slalom course at the Burger King Invitational.

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Grayling finished ahead of Benzie, a team that has qualified for the State Finals, 63-85 (boys) and 97-98 (girls).

Fifty-four skiers raced in each competition.

In the boys competition, Grayling was led by Trevor Clough, who placed 3rd in slalom and 10th in giant slalom. Clough took 8th and 5th. McNally finished 9th and 6th. Jansen was 13th and 12th, Hunter took 11th and 17th, Gilbert placed 18th in GS, and Anthony Neal placed 24th in slalom.

"The boys skied very well and were happy to show the Benzie Central team that had beaten them at the Regional that they are a much better team than the

results from the Regional showed," Coach Mike Wieland said. "We were much more relaxed and skied more to our ability than we did at the Regional."

Grayling's girls team also finished ahead of Benzie, but in a much closer race.

"Benzie had three girls qualify for the State Finals and we had four," Coach Wieland said. "Our girls had lost to them twice this year and worked hard to beat Benzie Central."

Vandecar led the Vikings with a 1st place finish in GS and a 2nd in slalom for three team points. Olson had 19 total points, placing 9th in slalom and 10th in GS. Alvarez placed 13th in slalom and 17th in GS. Seager was 20th and 25th. McClain finished 26th and 25th and Jessica Thomson placed 38th and 34th.

The Burger King Invitational was Grayling's last meet of the 2003 season.



Andria Alvarez (above), a senior, and freshman Jill Seager (below) compete in the slalom event at the Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills.



## GHS sophomore skis at State Meet

► Trevor Clough is 3rd 10th grader from Grayling to make State Finals

GHS skier Trevor Clough – the third individual from Grayling to qualify for the State Ski Finals as a sophomore – skied at the State Meet on Monday, February 24, at Nubs Nob near Harbor Springs. (Karen Reynolds and Katie Olson were the other two GHS skiers to reach the State Finals as sophomores.)

Nine teams and 15 individual qualifiers raced at the State Meet on Monday.

Clough only participated in the slalom event and spent the morning studying the slalom course while the girls raced on it.

Clough's first run time – 36.89 seconds – put him in the upper half of the 68 racers competing.

"The second course was a little more difficult and Trevor was

scheduled to race third from the last. The upper part of the race was real good but a deep rut formed just over a ridge entering a steep part of the hill and Trevor didn't come out of the rut on the correct line and missed a gate. It was only a short climb back up, but when you're racing the best you lose a lot of spots in the final

position," said Mike Wieland, GHS ski coach.

Clough finished 46th. "If he would have skied comparable to his first run, comparing him to other racers he would have finished around 26th or 27th. The experience will be useful for the next two years," Coach Wieland said.



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## Junior Cheerleaders perform at GHS



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Over 100 Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary students performed several cheers and a dance routine at halftime of the February 18 JV boys basketball game at GHS. The performance was the culmination of a cheerleading clinic conducted by the GHS cheer program's coaches and cheerleaders.

## JV squad finishes the season at 18-2

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scorer for Grayling at Tawas with 16 points. Bobby Starks finished with 15 and Ryan Schmidt scored 12. Josh Millikin, Russ Peters, Matt Swope, Ryan Davis, and Jess Bobenmoyer also scored for GHS in the contest.

On Tuesday, the team defeated the Bucks of Roscommon at RHS by a final score of 57-37.

Grayling took a big lead early with a 19-6 first quarter.

The Vikings scored their 19 first period points on a jump shot by Davis, a fast break lay-up by Davis, a shot inside by Starks, two drives by Davis, a shot inside by Millikin, a triple by Bobenmoyer, and free throws by Hinkle, Davis, and Starks.

Both teams scored 10 points in the second quarter to leave Grayling's lead at 13. The Vikings scored their 10 on a jumper by Davis, a drive by Bobenmoyer, a shot inside by Hinkle, a drive by Starks, and a put-back by Starks.

GHS led 29-16 at the half.

The Vikings edged Roscommon 15-14 in the third quarter despite a cold spell on offense in the middle of the period. Grayling's 15 points included a three-point play by Bobenmoyer, a drive by Hinkle, a shot inside by Peters, a shot inside by Hinkle, and free throws by D.J. Metzger, Hinkle, and Davis.

The Vikings put together a solid finish with a 13-7 fourth period.

Grayling scored fourth quarter points on a put-back by Starks, a drive by Davis, a triple by Hinkle, a drive by Schmidt, and free throws by Hinkle, Starks, and Peters.

GHS won by a final score of 57-37.

On Friday, February 21, the Vikings lost a close game at West Branch Ogemaw Heights 59-55.

"It was a very intense game," said Coach Hayes. "We had opportunities in the fourth quarter but we were 2 for 8 from the (free throw) line. We did not take care of the ball and had turnovers late."



Ryan Davis defends a Roscommon in-bounds play on Tuesday night at RHS.

Hinkle was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. Davis, Millikin, Starks, Swope, Metzger also scored for Grayling. Schmidt, Bobenmoyer, and in the match.

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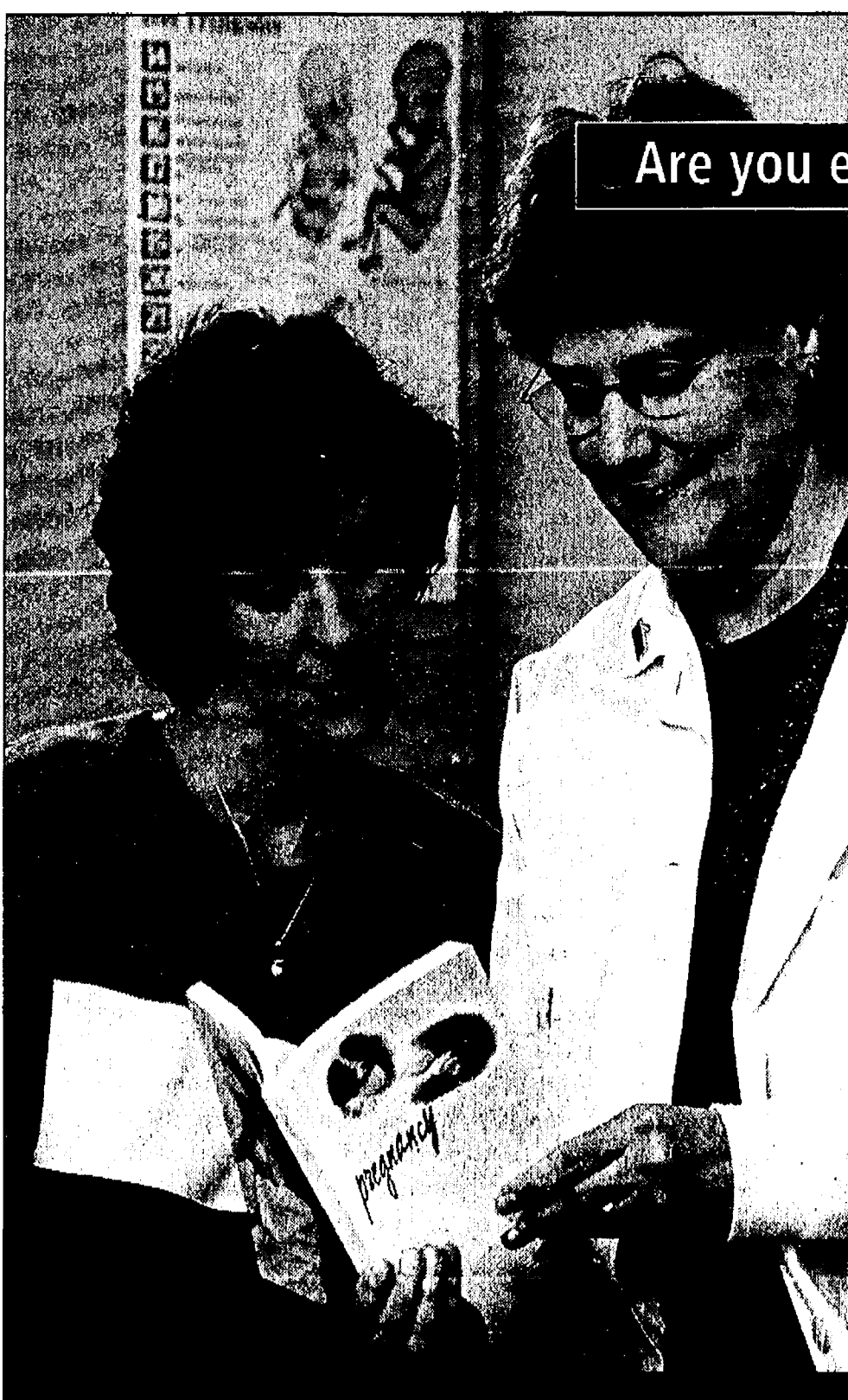
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# Vikings lose by 13 at Roscommon

► Bucks defeat Grayling for the second time this season

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School lost a non-conference varsity boys basketball battle at Roscommon last Tuesday 77-64.

It was Grayling's second loss to the Bucks this year. In both games, Grayling's defense struggled to contain Roscommon's scoring attack. The Vikings surrendered 72 points in the first GHS vs. RHS contest, and they gave up 77 points last week.

Roscommon opened Tuesday night's game at RHS with a triple. A triple by Travis Helsel and three-point plays by Gibson Tobin and Roy Czapek put Grayling up 9-3. Roscommon pulled within three with the second of its three first quarter triples. Grayling scored four points on a jumper and two free throws by Joe Lange, and Roscommon scored four on two shots inside, leaving Grayling's advantage at three. A shot inside by Tobin on a pass from Czapek put the Vikings up by five.

The Bucks outscored Grayling 9-2 in the remainder of the first period to lead 19-17 going into the second quarter.

A lay-up by Czapek tied the game at 19-19. Two triples by Roscommon put the Bucks up by six. Grayling answered with a three-pointer by Helsel.

Roscommon edged GHS 11-7 in the last five minutes of the second quarter to lead 36-29 at half-time. Grayling's seven points included a basket by Adam Kaiser, a put-back by Roger Alvarez, and free throws by Helsel and Tobin.

The Bucks outscored Grayling 16-14 in the third period. The Vikings scored their 14 on a lay-up by Andy Strohpaal, drives by

Helsel and Strohpaal, and free throws by Tobin (5 for 6), Helsel (2 for 2), and Strohpaal.

Grayling scored the first basket of the fourth quarter – a put-back by Lange – to pull within seven. A 6-0 run by Roscommon put the Bucks ahead by 13.

The Vikings scored four points on two drives by Tobin. Roscommon answered with another 6-0 run.

The Vikings responded with a 6-0 drive of their own. The run – which included a jumper by Strohpaal, two free throws by Helsel, and a jump shot by Czapek – cut Roscommon's lead back to 11, 66-55.

The Bucks went up by 13 on a pair of free throws. Grayling scored two on a pair of free throws by Alvarez.

A triple by Chad Helsel and two free throws by T. Helsel pulled Grayling within striking distance at 70-62 with 2:46 left in regulation.

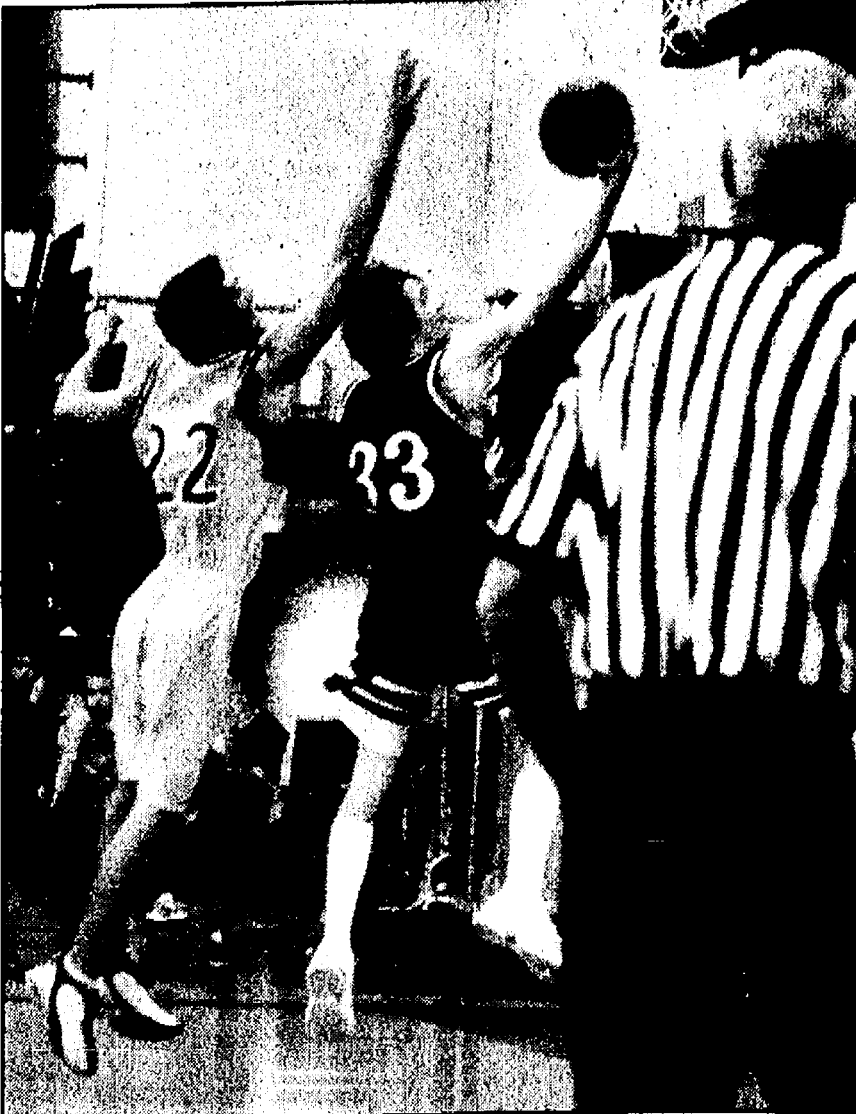
From there, Roscommon picked up the pace and outscored Grayling 7-2 down the stretch. The Bucks won the game by a final score of 77-64.

T. Helsel led Grayling in scoring with 18 points. Tobin added 15.

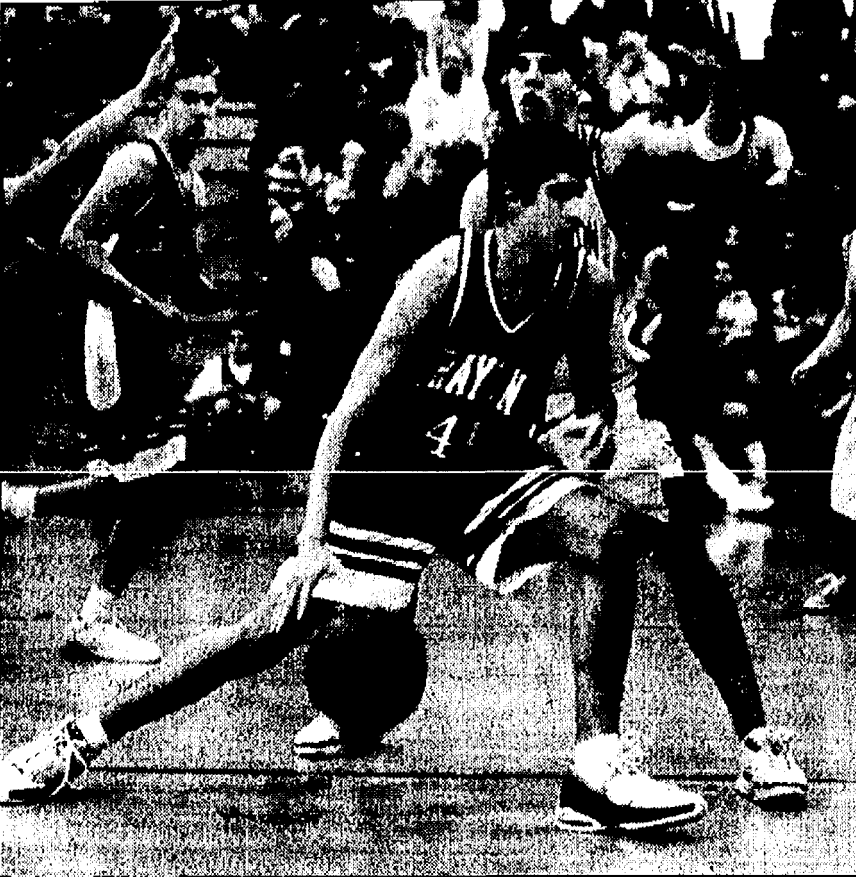
For Roscommon, five players reached double digits in scoring. Jason Britton led the squad with a game-high 19 points. Warren Wahl added 16, Adam Benaway finished with 14, Josh Burmeister scored 12, and Kyle Gross had 11.

On Monday night, Grayling faced Roscommon for a third time this season – this time in a District Tournament play-off game. Roscommon won the match 66-63 in overtime, eliminating the Vikings from the tournament and ending their season. The Bucks advanced to the District semi-finals with the victory.

For more on the Grayling vs. Roscommon District game, see next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.



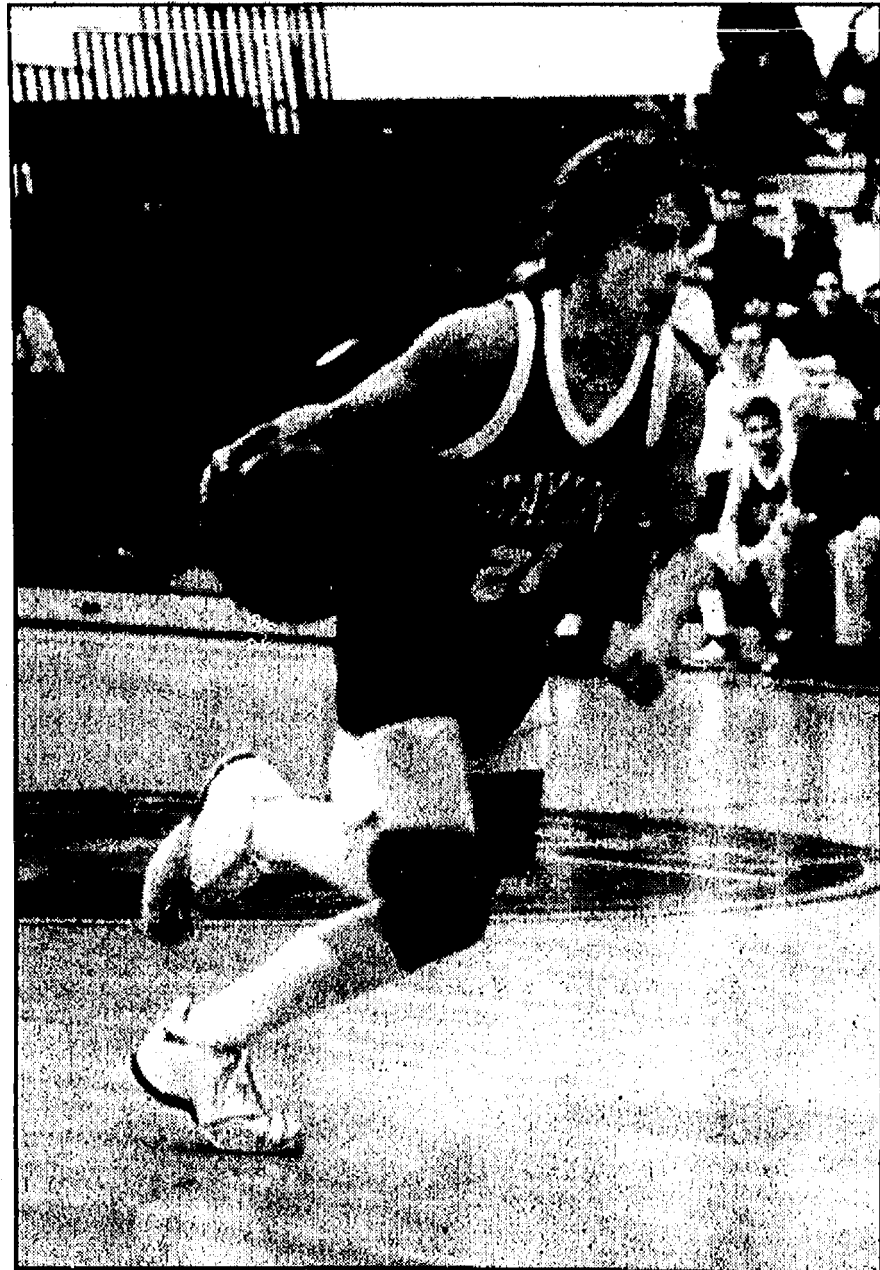
Grayling guard Gibson Tobin drives in for a lay-up in Tuesday night's varsity match at Roscommon.



Joe Lange handles the ball near the key for GHS in the game at Roscommon last week.

Photos by Caleb Casey

## Freshman team beats Bucks by 12



Eli VanNuck brings the ball up the court for Grayling in the game against Roscommon on Tuesday.

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Grayling scored the first basket of the second half – a shot inside by Feldhauser – to tie the game at 23-23. Roscommon scored, and a jumper by Baker tied the game.

The Bucks went up by five on a shot inside and a triple. A jumper by Schmidt pulled Grayling within three. Roscommon scored a two-point bucket to go back up by five.

Grayling went on a 9-1 run to take a three-point lead. The run included a three-pointer by Baker and three baskets by Schmidt. Two free throws by Roscommon cut Grayling's lead to one. A jump shot by VanNuck put GHS back up by three.

A drive by VanNuck – the last basket of the third quarter – gave Grayling a 40-37 lead going into the fourth period.

With free throws by Schmidt, Baker, and Zach Dean and a lay-up by Feldhauser, Grayling led 45-37. Roscommon scored the next two baskets to pull within four. A free throw by Dean and a jump shot by J.C. Schriener gave the Vikings a seven-point advantage, 48-41, with 4:37 left in regulation.

A drive and a three-point play by VanNuck gave Grayling a 10-point lead with 2:36 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Vikings scored six more points down the stretch – all on free throws – and won the game by 12, 59-47.

"After a rough start, the boys really began to play solid team defense in the second half," Coach Joe Mau said. "Reagan Schmidt, Zac Baker, and Eli VanNuck really picked us up both offensively and defensively in the second half by attacking the basket, the glass, and playing the passing lanes. Although the stats don't show it, Zach Dean also had a strong game on the boards."

Schmidt finished with a team-high 20 points and four steals. VanNuck had 15 points, six steals, and four rebounds. Baker added 14 points and a team-high nine rebounds. Feldhauser had five points and five steals.

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# KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

## Mens Team

**ROSCOMMON** - Kirtland's men's basketball program is growing up in a hurry. In just their second full season as members of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, the Firebirds qualified for the post-season state tournament with an 80-65 victory over St. Clair.

The win ensured the Firebirds of finishing in the top six among 10 teams of the league's Eastern Conference.

Last season, Kirtland's first in the MCCA, the Firebirds missed earning a playoff berth in the final week of the season.

"Making the playoffs in itself is not much of a mark," Coach Glen Donahue said, "but doing something in the tournament will be."

In other words, Kirtland isn't happy just being there.

Donahue likes his team's chances now that most of his players are healthy and the team is showing signs of playing well together in two straight wins that followed six consecutive losses.

"We've got 12 of our 13 guys healthy, and that's the most we've had all season," he said. Only guard Terrance Coker (broken foot) was unavailable. "Now if we can get those 12 guys to really gel, we have a chance to get some things done."

In the St. Clair game, sophomore guard Jake Milarch scored 19 points while Alvaídas Gedminas had 11 points with 15 rebounds. Eugene Phillips and Reuben Edwards had 13 points each in Kirtland's second straight victory. They improved to 6-6 in the MCCA and 11-14 overall.

St. Clair's Mike Didio led all scorers with 23 points. He made seven of nine shots from three-point range to help his team stay within range until the closing minutes. The Skippers fell to 1-11 in the conference and 3-23 overall.

**ALPENA** - In a comeback that began with a punch, Kirtland fought back from a 17-point half-time deficit Wednesday night for an 86-82 victory over northern archrival Alpena. Sophomore center Alvaídas Gedminas led the way with 32 points and 21 rebounds.

Alpena led 42-25 at the half. But early in the second period,

Kirtland's Eugene Phillips and Alpena's Drew Kemp were ejected for fighting, an incident that seemed to fuel the visitors' comeback. Jeremy Rau scored 14 points and had eight rebounds and Jake Milarch had 12 points for the Firebirds, winners of three straight.

Gedminas, the nation's fourth-leading junior college rebounder, had just four fewer rebounds than the entire Alpena team. The victory in the conference finale for both teams improved Kirtland to 7-6 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 12-14 overall.

Justin Miller had 20 points to lead Alpena, 7-6 in the conference and 19-8 overall.

**DETROIT** - Leave it to a coach to find a dark lining in a silver cloud. So it was for Kirtland's Glen Donahue after his team's heartbreaking, 73-70 loss last Monday at Wayne in the first round of the state tournament.

For a second-year team to even qualify for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament should have been reason to celebrate. Finishing tied for fourth in the tough, 10-team Eastern Conference should have been a point of pride for a young program.

And it was, to just about everybody around Kirtland except Donahue and his team.

"I don't see it that way," said Donahue, a legend in college basketball circles with more wins to his credit (666) than any coach in Michigan collegiate history. "It's really disappointing because I thought we were better than that from the start of the season. We really thought we could move on in this tournament."

"We finished tied for fourth in the conference, but we were 0-6 against the three teams ahead of us in our conference - Schoolcraft, Mott and Wayne. If we want to move into the top echelon of teams, we've got to be able to compete with them a little better."

Now the Firebirds have only one more chance to prove they're as good as Donahue thought they were when the season opened in October. They'll compete in the Region XII tournament of com-

munity college Division I schools, including Schoolcraft, ranked among the nation's best junior college teams all season, Lansing, and Vincennes (Indiana) University, Kirtland's opening-round opponent.

Meantime, Donahue hopes to correct some ball-handling problems that cost his team a win Monday against Wayne.

Kirtland turned the ball over 24 times, 14 in the first half. Still, they were in a position to win the game if they could have made a few plays, a few shots, in the closing minutes.

"Late-game situations hurt us," Donahue said. "We made some bad turnovers. We missed some shots. Everything it takes to lose a game by three points, we managed to do. The turnovers really hurt, because they were unforced errors - and everybody was guilty."

Wayne's Loren Byrd scored 22 points and Anthony Butler added 15 to pace the victors, who improved to 13-10 overall.

Reuben Edwards led Kirtland with 15 points. Vaughan Gray had 14, Jake Milarch had 13, and Alvaídas Gedminas added 12. The 'Birds fell to 13-15 overall.

## Womens Team

**ALPENA** - Becca Miller scored 31 points and had eight rebounds to lead Kirtland to a 75-37 win over northern rival Alpena.

Jeni Kemp had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Lori Hinkle added 12 points with eight rebounds to help Kirtland, which had lost six of its previous seven games. The Lady Firebirds improved to 3-10 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 8-18 overall.

Noni Parker led Alpena with eight points. The Lady Lumberjacks finish winless (0-13) in the conference. They're 2-22 overall.

**ROSCOMMON** - After ending their frustrating, injury-filled season with two lopsided victories, the Kirtland Lady Firebirds left their coach feeling vindicated. This was more like it, Jimmy Parker said.

"These last two games, this is what I expected from our team right from the start," Parker said after his team's 95-69 victory

Saturday over Fanshawe, a college in Sarnia, Ontario.

The win followed a 75-37 thrashing of archrival Alpena the previous Wednesday. The wins followed a string of six losses in seven games during which the Ladybirds played an entire game with just five players and another with six because of injuries and suspensions.

They finished with a 9-18 overall record, which is five fewer wins than the previous year.

"To be honest, I'm disappointed with our season because I think we had a lot more talent than our record shows - as these girls proved in our last two games," Parker said.

"Alpena didn't play that badly the other night. That's such a good rivalry and the girls on both sides take it so seriously. But in the second half of that game, especially, we played like I thought we were capable of playing all year long - and it was no contest."

The injuries were frustrating. Starting center Jillian Schultz was hampered the last month of the season with a sprained wrist. Starting forward Jeni Kemp missed games with an ankle injury but also played hurt the second half of the season with an arm injury and a broken nose. Forward Angela Krugner missed several games near the end of the season due to a leg injury sustained in an auto accident. Reserve forward Anna Umlor missed most of the second half of the season with a shoulder injury. Reserve guard Brianna Glasscox played on one leg because of a knee injury the second half. Utility player Erika Seifert missed all season with a foot injury.

But it was an undercurrent of off-court problems that was especially maddening for Parker and some team members. One player quit, when she walked off the court, threw her jersey at the bench and went straight to the dressing room to change clothes in the middle of a game. She and two members of the team were involved in an early morning auto accident that resulted in the suspensions of both players for two games.

"It seemed like it was one

thing after another," Parker said.

But on the rare occasion things went well for the Lady Firebirds, they went very well. Like when leading scorer Becca Miller netted 31 points against Alpena. For an encore in the final game of her redoubtable career at Kirtland, she scored 21 points and contributed six rebounds, four assists and five steals in the win over Fanshawe.

Backcourt mate Amy Jordan had 16 points, five assists and eight steals, underscoring the challenges Parker faces in recruiting a pair of guards to fill the big shoes of his two co-captains.

"Extremely difficult," Parker said of the daunting task. "Those are two girls who were so dedicated to their team and to the game of basketball. As a coach, you wish for players like that on your team. And for me, it was a privilege to have two players like Becca and Amy."

Also against Fanshawe, Jeni Kemp finished a strong freshman season with a double-double - 19 points and 10 assists, and Raquel Bates, the team's most improved player, contributed six points and 12 rebounds.

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2nd - Zak Mack, Calvin Kangas, Luke Schneider, Austin Harris, Joey Contreras;

3rd - Kyle Schmidt, Cody Elmy, Ashton Linkhart, Daniel DuVall, Matt Townsend, Kyle Peters;

4th - Joey Schwartz, Scott Taylor.

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Placements for Grayling included:

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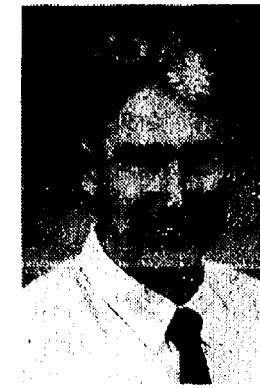
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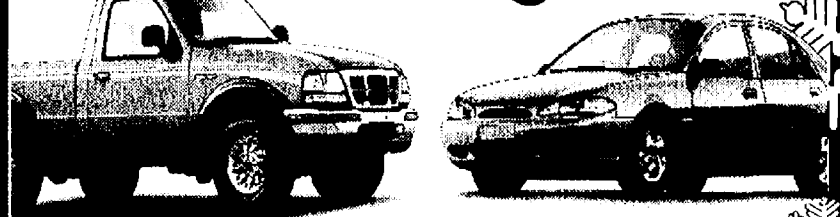
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## LEGAL ACTION

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

File No. 03-6587-DE  
Estate of Robert James Palm  
Date of Birth: 10/28/45

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Robert James Palm, who lived at 4161 White Pine, Roscommon, Michigan died February 12, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Edward O. Palm, 2200 Concord Drive, Lakewood, Ohio, 44107, named personal representative or proposed personal representative.

## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund, and Library Fund for fiscal year 2003-2004 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The budgets will be accepted at a special meeting of the board on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

## NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, times, and places of all its regular meetings during the 2003-2004 fiscal year as follows:

All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.

All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 8, 2003  
May 13, 2003  
June 10, 2003  
July 8, 2003  
August 12, 2003  
September 9, 2003

October 14, 2003  
November 11, 2003  
December 9, 2003  
January 13, 2004  
February 10, 2004  
March 9, 2004

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on Monday, April 7, 2003 and Monday, October 6, 2003.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4th, at 4:00 p.m., with taxpayers Monday, March 10th from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 13th from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. The board also meets Tuesday, July 22nd and Tuesday, December 9th, 2003.

All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

# Red Hacker basketball returns to Kirtland

ROSCOMMON - Red Hacker basketball, one of the region's most popular playground hoops tournaments, returns to Kirtland Community College on May 31.

In the past two years, the three-on-three and four-on-four competition drew upwards of 80 teams.

### Divisions and entry fees

Three-on-three half court: Men/Women/Girls/Boys; 10 and under to adult; Up to four players per team, \$96 per team. Every player gets a T-Shirt and a minimum of three games.

Four-on-four full court: Men and boys, 15 and under to adult,

nine-foot and 10-foot rim options; Up to six players per team, \$138 per team. Men & Boys; 15 & Under to Adult. Every player gets a T-Shirt and a minimum of three games.

All games will be officiated.

Individual trophies are awarded to each player on the first and

second place teams from each division. T-shirts are awarded to each player on teams winning the consolation "Dogg House" divisions.

Registration entries must be postmarked by May 17 and will be accepted until May 25, 2003 for a \$10 late fee.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion . . . . . 32 - 16  
Northern Cafe . . . . . 27 - 21  
Double Trouble . . . . . 27 - 21  
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 23 - 25  
Charles Country Corner . 23 - 25  
Fick & Sons . . . . . 22 - 26  
Ken's Tire & Auto . . . . . 20 - 28  
Piehl's Sawmill . . . . . 17 - 31  
High Series Men: B. Trudeau, 615; R. Marwede, 597; S. Miller, 552.  
High Game Men: R. Marwede, 236; B. Trudeau, 214; P. Lewis, 212; C. Hanson, 212; S. Miller, 212.  
High Series Women: D. Medina, 527; S. Johnson, 506; S. France, 482.  
High Game Women: S. Johnson,

197; D. Medina, 191; K. Trudeau, 173.

### American Men's League

Helsel Forest Products 32.5 - 16.5  
Warren Forest Product 28.5 - 20.5  
McLean's Ace . . . . . 27 - 22  
Moore's Automotive . . . 24 - 25  
Fenton's Auto Service . . 23 - 26  
GADCO . . . . . 21 - 28  
Forest Brothers . . . . . 21 - 28  
Scheer Motors . . . . . 19 - 30  
High Series: L. Davis, 672; D. Yanniello, 648; B. Palmer, 600.  
High Game: L. Davis, 265; B. Palmer, 257; P. Faustman, 241.

### Pioneer League

South Side River Rats . . 29 - 11  
Avalanche . . . . . 28 - 12  
Rochette's . . . . . 23 - 17  
The Ice House . . . . . 19.5 - 20.5  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 18.5 - 21.5  
Custom Interior . . . . . 17 - 23  
Chemical Bank . . . . . 13 - 27  
McDonald's of Grayling 12 - 28  
High Series: C. Clark, 572; S. France, 522; N. Glasslee, 519; J. Cousins, 517.  
High Game: J. Cousins, 282; C. Clark, 201; K. Moshier, 195; N. Glasslee, 195.

### Recreation

Gale Enterprises . . . . . 27 - 13  
Woody Girls' . . . . . 22 - 18  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . . . 21 - 19  
Chicken Little Joint Pro. 20 - 20  
Peterson's Saw Service . 20 - 20  
Glens' Market . . . . . 18 - 22

part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence West 4 rods for a point of beginning, thence West 10 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 10 rods, thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312907  
Team X

-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Larkin a married woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 570 on Page 410 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Eight and 54/100 dollars (\$51,088.54), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

County Records and was assigned by an assignment dated March 31, 2000 to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$763,163.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00

The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee

38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

**STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**  
200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03 5971 CH (D)  
Lynn G. Kruse, Trustee of the Goetsch Living Trust  
Frances T. Hixson  
Estate of Phyllis A. Brock  
Ellen Eid  
Estate of Roland E. Towne  
Faye D. Sullivan  
Polly Mae Bechtel  
Estate of Kimberly Ford  
Peggy Anderson  
Estate of Laurice Anderson  
Estate of Jeffery Ford  
Estate of Alice G. Murray  
Estate of John Daniel Murray  
Dale F. Murray  
Fredric R. Murray  
Terry Douglas Strickland  
Estate of Mabel Larson  
Helen A. Thomey  
TO: All Defendants listed  
IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to partition the following-described properties: SW4 of NW4 of Sec 16, T25N, R4W AND SE4 of SE4 of Sec 18, T25N, R4W, Beaver Creek Township Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 10, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: February 18, 2003  
Judge F. Murphy (for)  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588

-27-06-13

## FREDERIC TWP. NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tues., March 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frederic Twp. Hall, Kelly Ave., Frederic, MI 49733. Phone: 989-348-8778.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers wishing to appeal their assessments as follows

Mon., March 10, 2003 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
Sat., March 15, 2003 9:00 A.M. - 12 Noon  
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Ronald D. Lewis  
Frederic Twp. Supervisor



# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay, husband and wife, whose address is 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Mortgage & Investment Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated July 29, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002, in Liber 592, Page 318 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 770 Kenmoor S.E., Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 2, 2002, and recorded on August 14, 2002 with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 592, Page 334 and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$44,902.24) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel C-1

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.0 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 162.28 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 275.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 162.28 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 275.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with the right of ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement over said Section 11, centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point of the Easterly right-of-way line of Old U.S. 27 Highway, located distant North 01 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 1298.19 feet and South 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 1130.58 feet and South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 162.93 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 832.31 feet to the point of ending. P.P. #030-011-016-030-03

which has an address of 7076 Sampson Street, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2003  
Drafted By:  
William M. Azkoul (P40071)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
161 Ottawa Ave., NW  
Suite 205-C  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 458-1315  
Northpointe Bank  
770 Kenmoor SE

Suite 201  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

-06-13-20-27

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey F. Knirk and Vickie L. Knirk, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2001, and recorded on July 20, 2001 in Liber 0542 on Page 575 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated May 17, 2001, which was recorded on August 8, 2002, in Liber 591 on Page 380, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 60/100 dollars (\$56,902.60), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 523, Indian Glens of the Ausable Unit 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1-14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312634  
Team S

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles W. Pizzi, a separated man (a single man) (original mortgagor) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1999, and recorded on January 6, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 45 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment which was recorded on October 18, 2000, in Liber 520 on Page 600 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$41,458.74), including interest at 8.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeasterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, of original plat of the Village of Grayling (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312104  
Team D

-13-20-27-06

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenley Bielby and Caroline Rosser, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors) to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2000, and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 526 on Page 164 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001, in Liber 526 on Page 171 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100 dollars (\$78,865.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 2, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313924  
Team J

-27-06-13-20

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CRAWFORD AND ROSCOMMON COUNTIES

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is announcing the availability of grants for community-based primary and secondary prevention programs and services. CTF will be funding programs that promote strong, nurturing families and prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

These grants, which will be awarded in October of 2003, are for three years of funding (on a declining fee scale). Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Types of funding include new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

Any organization that applies is required to provide matching funds for dollars requested and granted. All applications must be reviewed by CTF local council in the applicant's area prior to submission to CTF for consideration. The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC) will review applications at its March 13, 2002 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CRCPC, P.O. Box 2, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than Friday, March 7, 2003. Applications must be received in the CTF office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003.

CTF has a complete set of guidelines available to organizations. For a guideline packet or further information contact Sherry Rosin, Director CRCPC at 989-275-5101.

The CRCPC is also funding mini-grants to local agencies and organizations. The same criteria applies, as stated above, only on a smaller scale.

## GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 02-5949-CH

Jeffrey Norman Nelson, Jr.  
c/o Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
800 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159,  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770  
Edwin G. Nelson  
10842 Chase Bridge  
Roscommon, Michigan 48653  
TO: Edwin G. Nelson  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to land in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, further described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:

Parcel 4: Being a part of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4), Section 28, Town 25 North, Range, 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28 and running thence North 619.3 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 89° 18' West 711.66 feet; thence North 0° 03' East 178.0 feet; thence South 89° 18' East 711.51 feet; thence South 178.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 31, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and at the Roscommon City Post Office for three consecutive weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Edwin G. Nelson at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: January 31, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
Curtis G. Broughton, P-47200  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Broughton & Vollbach Law Office  
808 W. Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 1159  
Standish, Michigan 48658  
(989) 846-2770

-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front

highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot(s) 36, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 2, according to the plat thereof

Commonly known as: 302 Alexia Lane  
Tax ID: 040-45-281-00-036-00

The redemption period shall be from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR# 02694431  
Property to be posted:  
302 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

-13-20-27-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on July 27, 2000 with Gerald D. Smith and Susan M. Smith, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, and Diversified Mortgage Finance Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 625, and was assigned to Northpointe Bank on July 27, 2000, and the Assignment was filed on August 14, 2000 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber 514, Page 635, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of the date of this notice the sum of \$32,627.24 inclusive of accrued interest, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the front

door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest rate of 17.95% percent, all allowable costs of sale and applicable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows:

Legally Described as: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Described as: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet E and 330 feet N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W; thence E298 feet to the right of way of the county road; thence northeasterly along said right of way 186.2 feet; thence S 165 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of S17, T26, R2W. Tax ID: 200404001 70522000

The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire Six months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2002  
Patrick Timothy Reid, II  
REID AND REID  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
Business & Trade Center  
200 N. Washington Square, Ste. 400  
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1384  
Telephone: (517) 487-6566

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

File No. 03-6586-DE  
Estate of Carolyn Mary Murphy  
Date of Birth: 02/29/32  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Carolyn Mary Murphy, who lived at 603 Maple Street, Grayling, Michigan died January 5, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Linda M. Bentley, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 21, 2003  
Linda M. Bentley  
8308 W. Batterson Road  
Frederic, Michigan, 49733  
989-348-8274

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## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738; (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2003, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 13th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	49.24
Industrial	49.58
Residential	49.25

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-3: Tom Lampane, petitioner  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 8  
045-760-01-033-00  
Lots 33-36, Block 1, Portage Heights Sub.  
10045 Portage Heights Ave.  
R-2 Zone

A request to construct a 24' x 22' detached accessory building 5' from the west side lot line, a variance of 5'.

Case #03-4: Daniel D. Smock, petitioner  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 13  
045-700-00-031-00 & 045-700-00-035-00  
Lots 31-35, Pine Point Sub.  
6438 M-72 West  
C-1 Zone.

A request to construct a car wash facility and equipment storage building. Closest point of construction 10' to the front lot line, a variance of 65', and 12.5' from the rear lot line, a variance of 12.5'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton  
Township Clerk

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 4, 2003 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 10, 2003 9am - noon  
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 13, 2003 1pm - 4pm  
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
March 6, 1980

Three area residents received recognition for their law enforcement efforts last year and were honored and named "Citizens of the Year."

Named "Citizens of the Year," were downtown Ben Franklin Store employees Eunice Weaver and Garnetta Findlay, whose efforts last year foiled an armed robbery attempt at the store.

Mrs. Dolores Haberland of Lovells, was also named "Citizen of the Year." She was cited for providing information that led to the arrests of three suspects in an attempted robbery at the Nash Camp in Lovells.

On behalf of the Grayling Beautification Committee-Bill Kelly, Committee Vice Chairman accepted a check for \$150 presented by Bob Bovee of the Grayling Kiwanis Club. The money will be used to pay part of the cost of the "Welcome to Grayling" signs recently installed by the Beautification Committee at all entrances to the City.

Gus Konopnicki spent two weeks at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics as one of the Americans who volunteered their time as support personnel.

Gus said he has once-in-a-lifetime memories of the event.

Governor William G. Milliken announced the approval of \$634,533 in federal grants.

Approved for Crawford County was \$10,500 to help pave and improve the access road from Business U.S. 27 to McNamara Airport.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, along with DNR personnel and State Troopers were involved in an 8-hour search Saturday night and early Sunday morning for a cross-country skier lost in the Hartwick Pines State Park. The

skier had taken refuge in an abandoned log cabin when she was found Sunday morning.

A new show choir has been formed at the Grayling Middle School named "Contact." The group will be ready to perform by the end of the month.

Grayling Elementary School fourth graders counted labels for the last time in this year's contest. "Campbell Labels for Education" contest began in December and ended in February. Over 32,000 labels were packed and counted by the fourth graders. This averaged out to be 52 labels per elementary student.

Tony Doremire, local EMT instructor, visited the fourth graders at Grayling Elementary and demonstrated life saving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation this week.

Senator Robert Davis donated an American flag which was placed in the Middle School gym. The flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. and will be placed on the gym wall.

Robert Knepp, of Grayling, freshman at Alma College, was selected by band conductor, Todd Snyder to the Alma College Kiltie Band. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is the site of one of the band's concerts.

Members of the 1071st Maintenance Company of the Michigan National Guard, Camp Grayling, last week donated \$150 toward the Crawford County Ambulance drive. Making the presentation was First Sgt. Harold Golinick and Lt. Keith Bobenmoyer.

A building project here in Crawford County that will provide homes for as many as 18 developmentally disabled citizens is still on the front burner, according to Jeannette Kitchen, AIS

Chairman.

City Police Chief Pete Stephan received a special award for his long and dedicated service to local youth. The award was presented by Crawford County Juvenile Officer Robert Bovee.

Grayling's Buff Partello capped his brilliant high school wrestling career with his finest achievement, capturing the Class C State Championship.

Tim Jones also placed high for Grayling, with a fifth place finish.

Don Ferguson, Grayling High Wrestling Coach for the past seven years, was named Region 14 High School "Wrestling Coach of the Year."

Under Ferguson's tenure as Grayling High School wrestling mentor, five Vikings have reached the 100 career victory plateau.

Pinpoint accuracy by Petoskey Friday night proved fatal for Grayling as the Northmen beat the Vikings to capture an 84-81 Huron Shores Conference triumph. The loss nevertheless left Grayling second in the conference, best finish in years, with an 11-3 record behind Gaylord's winning 13-1 league season.

This was the week for Middle School tournament games. Grayling took on West Branch, defeating them by 16 points. Jeff Branch scored eight points, Jon Nicholas, Riley McNamara and Mick Lovely all chipped in with six points each. Scott Colten scored four points.

Mrs. Thelma Below recently retired from Mercy Hospital, where she had been employed for many years.

Showing at the theatre this week is Bloodline with Audrey Hepburn.

46 Years Ago  
March 7, 1957

Over 3,600 people filled the new B. and C. Supermarket last Sunday, when the new store was opened for a preview showing.

The new store opened for business on Monday morning and features the

very latest in store design.

At the State competition for high school ski teams and individuals, the Grayling Boys' team failed to place. Individual winners were Bill Hall who placed 24th, Bill Weaver, who placed 26th and Judy Kenyon who finished 17th.

The Frederic Eagles finished their first perfect basketball season last Tuesday night as they overwhelmed Alba by a 85 to 32 score.

69 Years Ago  
March 8, 1934

For the pleasure of the High School basketball players here Saturday night for the finals of the district tournament, George Olson put on an extra performance at the Rialto Theatre and invited them to be his guests.

Miss Edna Muth is absent from her duties at the Hanson Restaurant, due to the broken collar bone, which she received when she tripped over a milk carrier while on duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bobenmoyer have purchased the Gilbert Vallad farm at Maple Forest, and will soon be moving there. Mr. and Mrs. Vallad will be occupying the Bobenmoyer home here in town.

92 Years Ago  
March 9, 1911

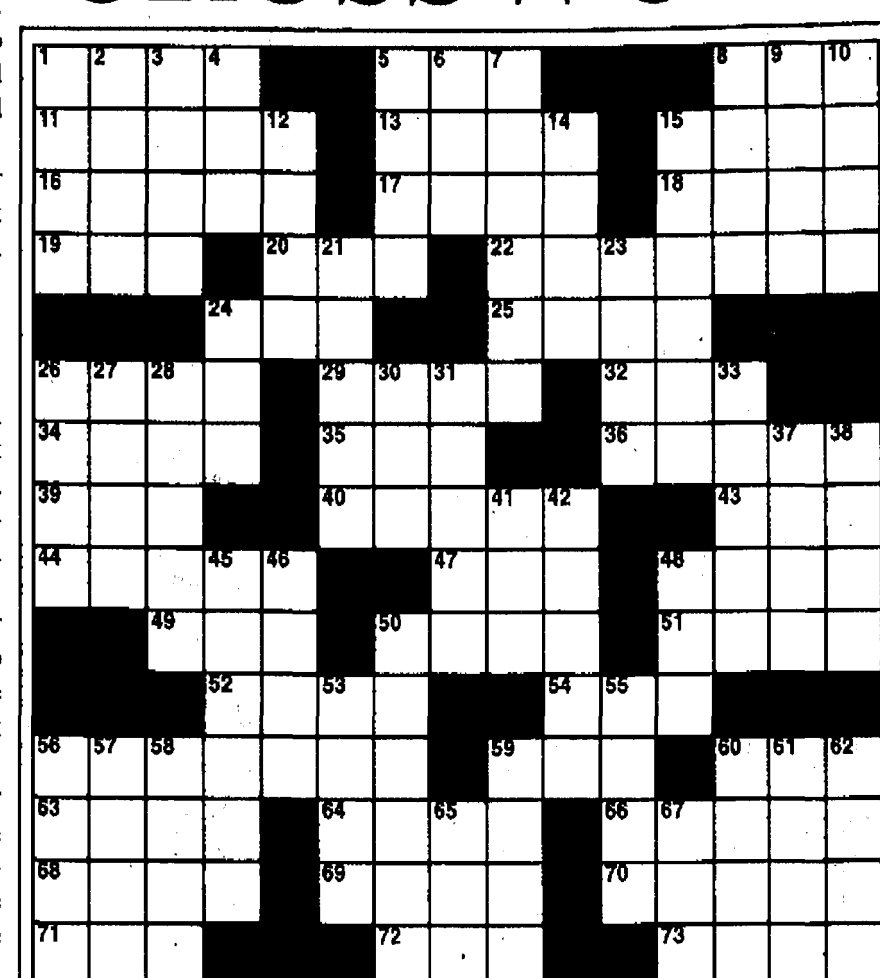
The mercury registered 10 below zero last Sunday morning with a high wind and snow.

The new hospital is nearing completion. The carpenters are practically finishing up and the painters and plumbers are rushing their work as fast as they can.

The basketball boys, Francis Reagan, Clarence Smart, Harry Hill, Will Lauder, Clyde Hum, Lorne Douglas and Tony Nelson have received new sweaters for playing on the team this winter.

The enrollment in the sixth grade is now forty.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Source of the Blue Nile
- Pub order
- Own (Scottish)
- Encourages
- Gulls
- Tackle the quarterback
- Edward \_\_\_\_\_ author
- Type genus of the Anatidae
- Domesticated
- General Robert E. \_\_\_\_\_
- Woman (French)
- Nasal cavities
- Go quickly
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan: abbr.
- Chadic
- Back talk
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Highly excited
- Cobra used by Pharos as a symbol of their power over life and death
- Got up
- Pirate's liquor
- Short-billed rails
- Steal
- Holds sacred stone
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dhabl, Arabian capital
- Cause injury with a knife
- Common tool having a toothed blade for cutting
- Turkish leaders' titles
- Pubs
- College army
- Sound of understanding
- Alike

### DOWN

- Afrikaans
- Capable
- The compass point that is one point E of NE
- Dined
- Wings
- Local Area Network: abbr.
- Eliminates, as with a pencil
- Robert \_\_\_\_\_, poet
- The highest point of something
- Supplements with difficulty
- Palatial prefix
- Egyptian goddess
- Grogginess
- Plateaus
- Gangrenous inflammation
- An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- Author of the 2nd Gospel of Christ
- Largest known load species
- Material bodies
- Volcanic mountain in Japan
- Supports mine roof
- Main artery in the heart
- Glide
- Falloffs
- A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- B. Anthony, American feminist
- A white or colorless mineral (BaSO4) used as a main source of barium
- Absent Without Leave: military abbr.
- Small Business Association: abbr.
- Down's partner in crosswords
- A profane name
- Not very sophisticated or interested in culture
- New England river
- Wading birds of long, slender, down-curved bills
- Methodist: shortened form
- As fast as can be done: abbr.
- Swedish rock group with hit album entitled "Gold"
- Jail
- Czech River
- American Dental Association
- Sound that expresses

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Marinated Vegetables

1 can (14 oz.) Chicken Broth  
1 tsp. Sugar  
1/2 tsp. Dried thyme leaves, crushed  
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder or 2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/8 tsp. Pepper  
4 cups cauliflower flowerets  
1 1/2 cups green beans cut in 1" pieces  
2 medium carrots, sliced  
1/4 cup vinegar  
2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley  
or 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes  
HEAT broth, sugar, thyme, garlic and pepper in saucepan to a boil. ADD cauliflower, beans and carrots. Cover and cook over low heat 1 min. or until tender-crisp. PLACE vegetables and broth mixture in shallow nonmetallic dish. Add vinegar and parsley. Refrigerate at least 12 hr.

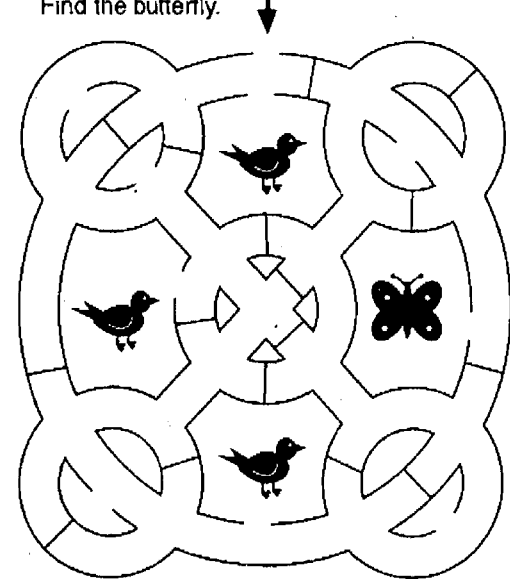
### Tangy Vinaigrette

1 can (14 oz.) Chicken Broth  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup vinegar  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley  
2 tsp. spicy brown mustard  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

COMBINE all ingredients in blender jar. Cover and blend until smooth. Refrigerate at least 2 hr.

## MAZE

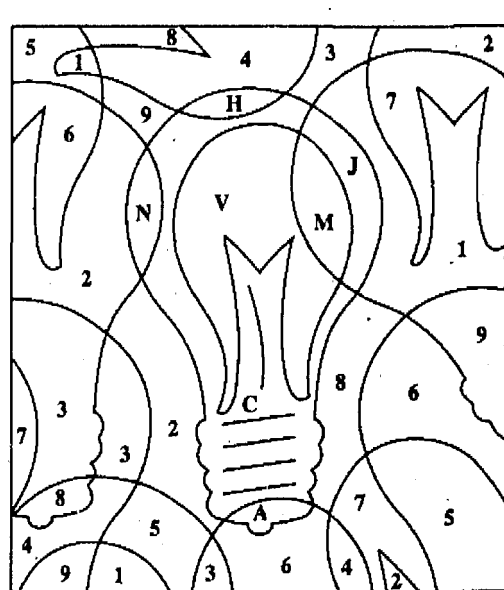
Find the butterfly.  
Start Here



### DID YOU KNOW

Scuba is an acronym for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 6, 2003



December 22-January 19

You may soon have a few hours to yourself. Mark the occasion with a good book or a long walk in the park. A family member shares good news with you.



March 21-April 19

What was once a fun and carefree project is turning into a nightmare. Slow down and work on the project one step at a time. Don't forget to return a favor.



June 22-July 22

You have fallen out of favor with a friend. Make amends now. Some relatives are moving away. Get everyone together one last time for a family dinner.



September 23-October 22

You are so caught up in the details of a proposal at work that you are missing out on the big picture. Read through the proposal again, this time concentrating on how it will benefit the company as a whole.



January 20-February 18

You've been harboring ill will toward a close friend. Stop making yourself miserable and open up about your feelings. Your friend has no idea something is wrong.



April 20-May 20

Travel is on the horizon. The destination could be far away or close to home. Have fun, relax and don't forget to send a postcard to everyone back home.



July 23-August 22

A young friend asks an unusual question. Don't sugarcoat your answer. Give the matter some thought and answer the question honestly.



October 23-November 21

Just as you suspected a coworker has been keeping information from you. Don't let it get to you. What they are hiding is of little use to you. Focus your attention on more important matters.



February 19-March 20

Life is moving along peacefully at home. Savor the moment. It won't last long. At work, projects are getting jostled around. Don't be surprised if a few of them end up on your desk.



May 21-June 21

A home improvement project is turning out better than you expected. Record the pros and cons and pass them along to a friend. Now that you're an official do-it-yourselfer, you may want to tackle something harder.



August 23-September 22

You are intrigued by a friend's tale. Do some detective work and find out if there is any validity to the story. Then step up and take action.



November 22-December 21

You've been very generous, with your time and your money. Others are starting to notice and you will be rewarded for your efforts.

## Adopt a Pet



Mika is an approximately 1 year old Black Lab. She is spayed and has all of her shots. She loves to carry toys in her mouth and is still very puppyish. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
2/26	14	-14	
2/27	24	-5	
2/28	33	-2	
3/1	37	-1	
3/2	28	6	trace
3/3	7	-24	
3/4	21	-24	1

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 18 Low -4	High 29 Low 8	High 35 Low 7	High 34 Low -3	High 17 Low -8	High 19 Low 0
Flurries	PM Snow Showers	AM Snow Showers	Light Snow	Snow Showers	Snow Showers



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOT FOR SALE** 215 x 290 1.24 acres AuSable Woods Association. Asking \$8,500 O.B.O. (989) 348-8774. (-6/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MOBILE HOME FOR SALE** by owner. Two bedroom, bath and a half off Manistee River Rd., little over 1/2 acre. Call (989) 348-5741. (-13-20-27-6/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**SPRING DREAMS** Own a Brand New three bedroom, two bath home for less than you are paying for rent. You pick the floor plan, you pick the colors, you pick the payment. May qualify for Crawford County Housing Assistance programs. Contact North Crest Homes today for details. (989) 732-1555 (-27-6-13/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry (989) 275-5445. (-6-13-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER** Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHDA sponsored program Links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/02/1)

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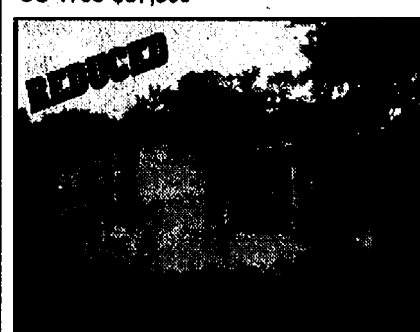
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Licensed Real Estate Broker

**CRAIG HINKLE**  
Broker/Owner  
State Licensed Appraiser

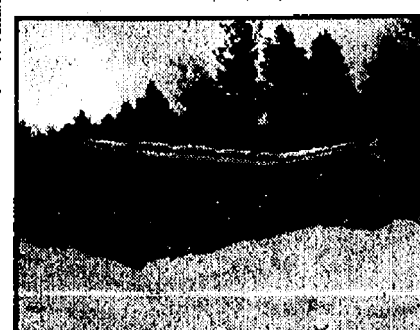
Equal Housing Opportunity



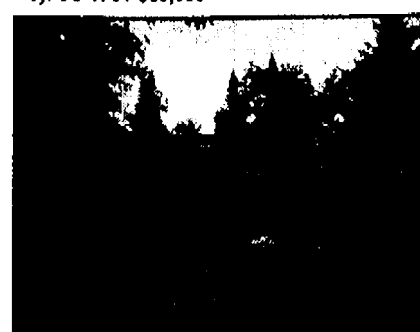
**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** This beautiful city home is complete with all the modern accessories. Ready to move in, the house is partially furnished. New carpet throughout, new water heater, refrigerator, and door bells. Conveniently located close to town, this home is perfect for a family just starting out or a retired couple. CS-1703 \$67,500



**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$57,000



**CLOSE TO STATE LAND AND THE MANISTEE RIVER.** Take a closer look...Very eye appealing home. Recently remodeled home offers vaulted ceilings, walkout patio onto back deck. Family room & kitchen combination is perfect for the cook that does not want to be separated from family and guests. Beautiful natural fireplace off dining room. Oak doors and trim throughout, new bath, new carpet. Lots of kitchen cabinets and counter space. Immaculately kept home is turn key. CS-1701 \$69,500



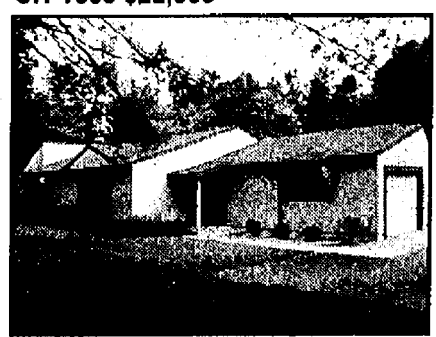
**LARGE FAMILY HOME** offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. CS-1585 \$82,000



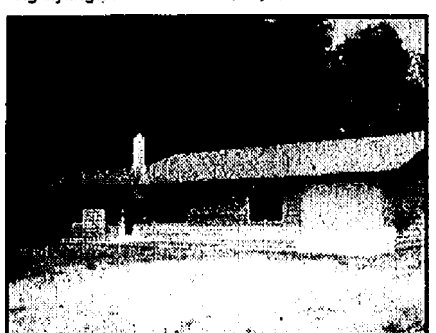
**Above the Crowd!**



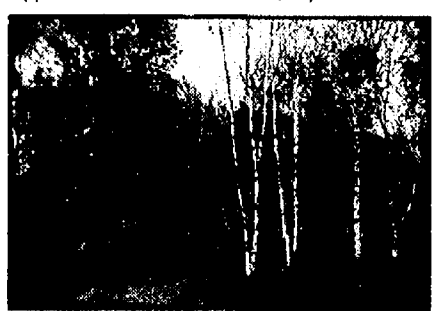
**PERFECT CABIN FOR RECREATIONAL USE!** Close to snowmobile trails, lakes, and Manistee River. 462 s.f. mobile home with 16' wide covered porch. Built over metal roof, new well, septic two years old. Large storage shed. Most furnishings included. CH-1605 \$22,900



**QUALITY BUILT TOWNHOUSE** in desirable Viking Village. Spacious 1,184 s.f., 2 B/R, 2 bath, double Andersen Windows and doorways-onto patio, central A/C, breakfast nook, all appliances included, formal entry, large living room with vaulted ceiling, drywall interior, spotless move in condition. 15x22 attached heated and finished garage, blacktop drive, sprinkling system. Beautiful secluded setting, located just outside city limits. Amenities provided i.e. grass/shrub trimming, snow removal, garbage pick-up. Excellent Opportunity. First unit offered for ownership. Ask for condo bylaws. Visual Tour at remaxofgrayling.com CH-1642 \$93,900



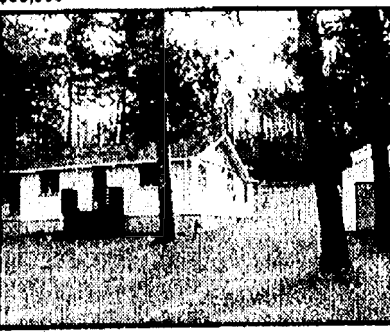
**CLOSE TO AUSABLE RIVER, STATE LAND AND TRAILS.** Recently renovated. Half log siding and steel roof. 1,824 s.f., 4 bedroom home located on blacktop county maintained road. New well, kitchen, appliances, windows, interior, and furnace. Spotless condition offering immediate possession. Priced Below Appraised Value. CH-1653 \$85,000



**ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!** Square 10 acres in Beaver Creek Township, beautiful birch trees and open pasture. Secluded setting on private road. Electric available. \$33,000 land contract terms. CH-1681 Zoned Agri.-build your barn now!



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES WITH** additional 2 lots available. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crestone vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900



**PERFECT HOME OR CABIN!** Beautiful mature Red & White Pines. Double lot fronting blacktop county maintained road. Great location for four season recreation. 860 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, hardwood floors, knotty pine interior, 20 x 20 garage, recent updates include: kitchen, carpet, shingles, electric, and paint. Located 1/2 mile from the snowmobile trails. CH-1669 \$52,000

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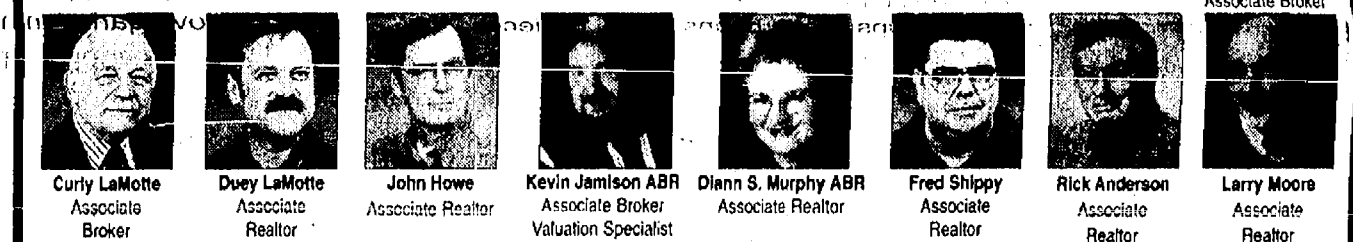
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**River Access Home!** River access - this 1128 square foot, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on two acres is located just a short walk to river access. Home has attached garage, plenty of storage, and a nice private backyard. \$67,500 #225476



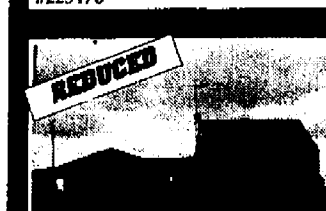
**Nice Home in Quiet Area!** Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with attached garage in quiet area, close to trails and state land. \$82,500 #225478



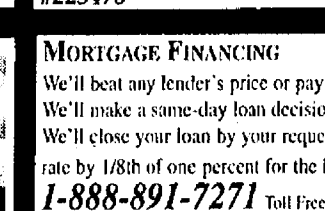
**Custom Home with Shared Beach!** This custom built 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath home offers many amenities: best slip with dock and Lake Michigan access, in-ground sprinklers, sunroom with hot tub, heated kitchen floors, "three" rock flooring, ceramic tile, carpet, all appliances, master suite, generator back-up, dual LNA satellite dish, insulated garage, and many more special features. See numerous to mention. A MUST SEE! \$299,000 #225524



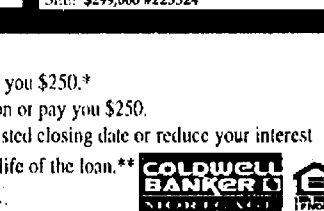
**Charming Country Chalet!** Charming 3 BR, 2 bath country chalet. Two full baths, beautiful master suite with loft that overlooks living room, large deck, 24 x 28 heated garage. Close to state land. \$119,000 #223639



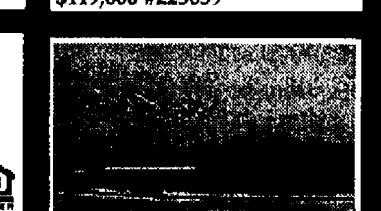
**Home on 11.5 Acres with Flowing Well!** 3 BR, 1 1/2 story on paved road 4 miles from West Branch. On 11.5 acres with nice garden spot and flowing well on property. Great starter home or hunting camp! Land contract possible. \$62,000 #223843



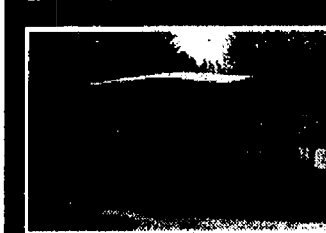
**Cute Little Mobile Close to State Land!** The perfect 2 bedroom, 1 bath starter home or weekend get-away. Ready to move into. Close to state land and Higgins Lake. Also includes a 16' x 20' shed for your toys. \$24,000 #223752



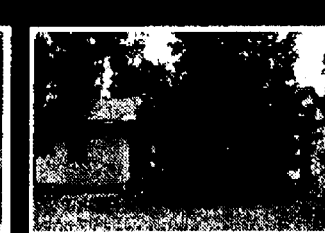
**Cozy and Rustic!** This 1 bedroom cabin is totally furnished ready to move into. Bath with a tub, electric & running water in cabin, very quiet, backs up to state land to the North and the AuSable River is only 7/10ths of a mile at end of Whistler. Screened in back porch. Special tax assignment for paying Whitetail \$150 +/0 a yr. for 5 yrs. \$35,000 #223796



**Rustic Log Home! Cozy "rustic feeling" log home on 5 acres. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with a 24' x 40' barn. \$85,000 #223823**



**Home for Young Family!** Ideal home for a young family in a nice area of homes. This 3 bedroom home offers new kitchen floor covering and counter top, appliances and newer roof. 2.5 car garage & lg. yard for the children to play. \$69,900 #224010



**10 Acres of Hunting Property!** Great hunting land with state land on the East and West side. Power is 660 feet away. Priced right. Will accept a land contract for 3-5 years with 20+% down. \$19,900 #220553



**2.5 Acres with Well & Septic!** Very nice building site at end of road with well and septic. Includes power pole, all on 2.5 acres. \$16,900 #224616



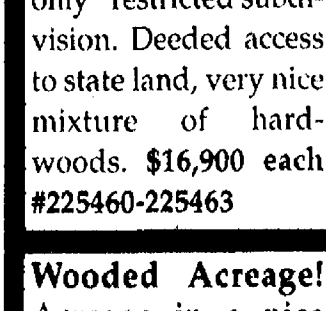
**Wooded Acreage!** Acreage in a nice mix of hardwoods, pines, rolling hills and meadows. Lots are in 10, 20, and 40 acre parcels. Prices from \$35,000 to \$120,000 #14849-14888

**JUST LISTED** 2.5 Acres in "Log Only" Sub! 2.5 acre building sites in "log only" restricted subdivision. Deeded access to state land, very nice mixture of hardwoods. \$16,900 each #225460-225463

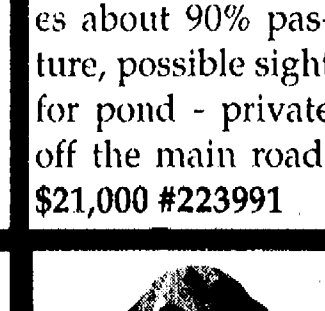
**Perfect for Horses!** This 10.05 acres of property would be excellent for horses about 90% pasture, possible sight for pond - private off the main road. \$21,000 #223991

**Hunting Property with Deer Blinds!** Beautiful 10.18 acres of hunting property, full of oak, with 3 deer blinds and power only 360' away. Great building site for home or cabin. \$29,900 #223955

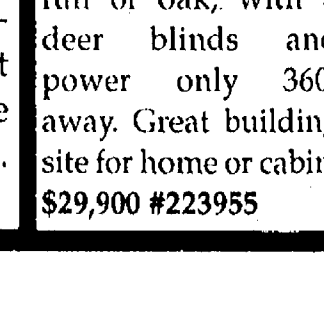
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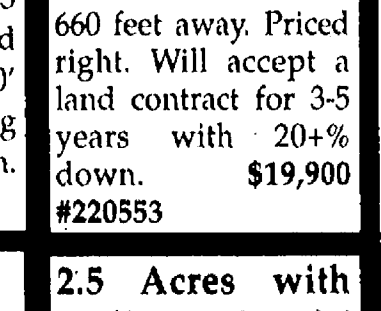
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No pets. Old 27 North, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

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**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13-20-27/2)

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2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH DUPLEX** with appliances and garage, close to town. Phone (989) 348-8066. (2/6/03tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH** recently remodeled in town, attached garage. \$395 per month plus utilities, references and security deposit required. Call (231) 922-7170. (-6-13/2)

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**OLDER TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** in Beaver Creek Township. \$450 per month plus utilities, references plus one month security deposit. (989) 275-4126 and leave a message. (-27-6-13/2)

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**SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM**, two bath duplex, large master suite in private wooded area close to Grayling. Includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher, hookup for washer/dryer, shared garage. \$575 plus utilities and security deposit. No pets, no smoking. (231) 263-0231 (3/6/03tf/2)

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**LARGE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE** 101D State St., Grayling. AuSable River Access. \$395 per month. Utilities, references and one month deposit required. No pets. (989) 348-4464 (-27-6/2)

2. For Rent

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 6274 Old Lake Rd. One bedroom, stove, refrigerator, newly remodeled \$350 month plus security deposit. Utilities not included, no pets. (989) 348-4716 (3/6/03tf/2)

3. Employment

**46TH CIRCUIT TRAIL COURT** Friend of the Court office has an opening for a Case Management position in Otsego County. Duties include the enforcement of court orders relating to child custody, parenting time and child support, investigation and preparation of support recommendations and responding to high volume telephonic and written communications. Position requires an individual with excellent written and oral communication skills, ability to handle stressful situations, strong organizational skills and computer experience. Travel may be required. A minimum of one year case supervision experience in a Court or closely related setting preferred. A bachelors degree in psychology, sociology or other closely related field required. Salary, plus fringe. Submit resume and references to Amy Neubecker, Assistant Friend of the Court, P.O. Box 1485, Gaylord, MI 49734 or fax to (989) 732-8646 by 4 p.m. on March 17, 2003. (-6/3)

**FULL-TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST** Firm is seeking personable individual to fill Secretary/Receptionist position. Individual must be career oriented with good telephone, computer and office skills. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 665, Grayling, MI 49738 (-6-13/3)

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A Real Estate Development Company in Gaylord has a position open for a person who enjoys working in the outdoors and can manage a small crew in the landscaping process. Call Mike Pfister at 989-705-1155.

3. Employment

DIRECTOR

Grayling Recreation Authority is seeking a director. Duties include supervision of full time and seasonal employees, downhill and cross-country ski programs, a wide variety of spring, summer and all recreation programs, grant writing and fund raising. A degree in Parks, Recreation or Management or equivalent experience in management of recreational programs is required. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Insurance and benefits package available. Please send resume with cover letter to: Recreation Application, PO Drawer 665, Grayling, MI 49738 by March 15, 2003.

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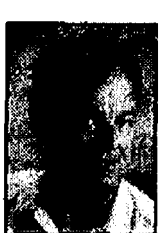
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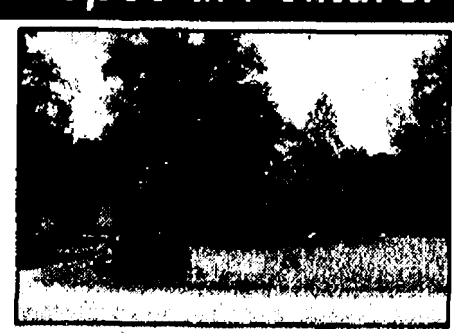


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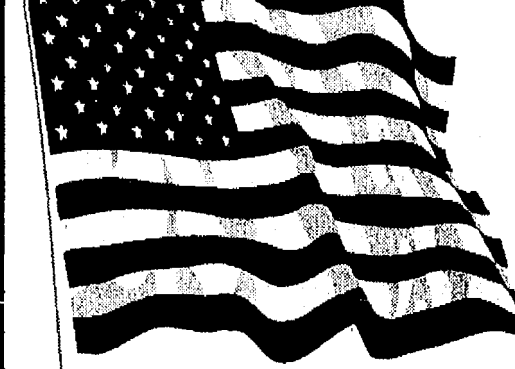
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Special Feature!



This three bedroom multi-level home offers oak cabinets, large master bathroom, family room, soap stone wood stove, main level laundry/utility room, tile floors and a two car garage. Home is situated on 1.7 acres. \$114,900 #5028

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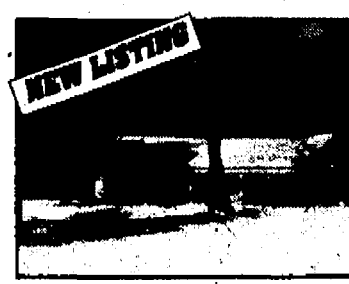
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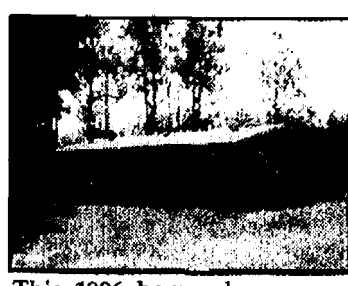
Immaculately kept ranch home just outside the city limits of Grayling near Mercy Hospital. Home features pride of ownership with 1336 sq. ft. main floor and 1300 sq. ft. in basement, landscaping, family room with fireplace, full basement that could be finished for extra living space. \$81,500 #5076



Maintenance free three bedroom, two bath modular home on 10 acres. Bedrooms all have walk-in closets, electric service is 200 amp, roofed and framed 28 x 8 sun porch, all located near two trail heads. \$114,900 #5077



Immaculately kept three bedroom one bath home with a 10 x 16 sun porch, 24 x 24 garage, would make a great starter or retirement home. House and garage had new metal roofs installed in 2001. \$75,000 #5079



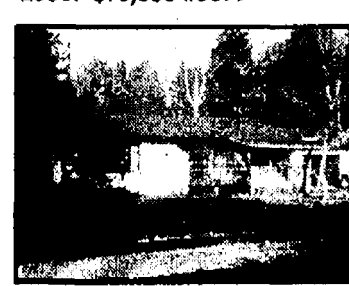
This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with a master bedroom suite. Three bedrooms, two full baths and a full basement. Situated on a nice acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about 2 miles away. \$73,500 #5034



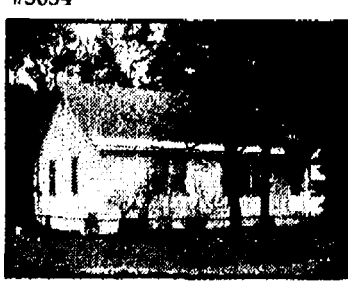
A Rare Gem!! 208' of frontage of the AuSable River "Holy Waters" with a variance to build closer to the river! This clean two bedroom cabin is turn key ready and is perfect for all season recreational fun. Steps lead down to a beautiful view of the famous AuSable River. \$160,500 #4958



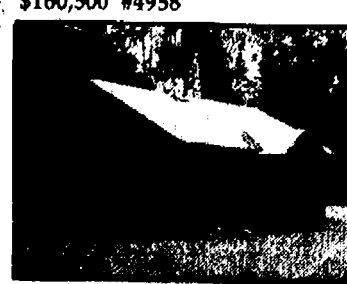
This property has a 1300 sq. ft., two bedroom, 1 bath home, and a 24 x 24 garage with 220 service. It also includes a 14 x 46 building, on prime 75' of frontage on 27 just north of Grayling. Priced to sell! \$54,900 #4974



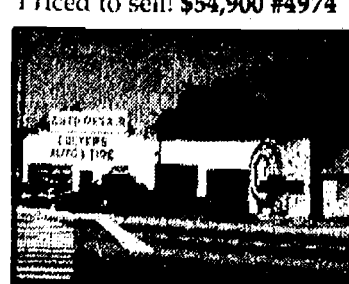
Charming remodeled home featuring new roof, vinyl siding, kitchen, majority of windows, 2.5 ton central air conditioning, a green house off the living room with a sun room and gazebo in the back. Garage is insulated, drywalled and heated. A must see. \$83,000 #5065



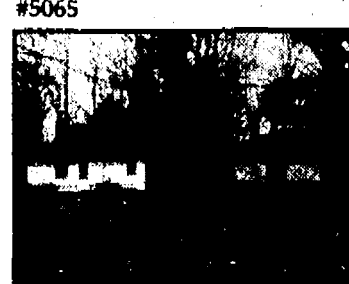
Cozy two bedroom home with full basement has fenced in back yard, drive through garage and has some old charm like hardwood flooring. Also has commercial frontage on M-72 West. \$44,900 #5046



206' of frontage on the AuSable River "Holy Waters". This beautiful property offers seclusion and frontage on one of the world's most famous fly fishing trout streams. On the property includes a garage and a 516 sq. ft. cabin with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. \$164,500 #4841



Location...Location...Location... Extremely high visibility and exposure. Corner parcel located at the intersection of the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 West in Grayling. Currently being utilized as an automotive repair facility. Small rental quarters also located on the property. \$100,000 #5030



This is the perfect location for a remote get-a-way or hunting camp. Situated on 10 acres, it includes a 30 x 40 pole barn with double overhead doors and a 10 x 30 mobile home. Nice rolling terrain. Call for more details. \$35,000 #4925



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#### Announcements

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are soliciting merit-staffed bidders to operate the Wagner-Peyser Public Employment Service Program throughout the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. Units of the State of Michigan, local units of government, special purpose units of government, school districts, intermediate school districts, public community colleges, public colleges and universities can bid to provide employment services.

Program dollars of approximately \$150,000.00.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 1:30 p.m., in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center. Request for Proposal packages will be available at that time.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, April 18, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (voice & TTY)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for Youth in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Program dollars of approximately \$900,000 are available. Of this amount, \$360,000 must be expended on Out-of-School Youth Programs. The remainder of \$540,000 is to be expended on In-School Youth Programs.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

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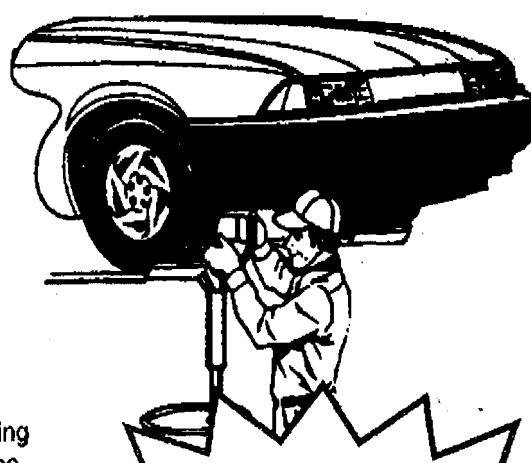
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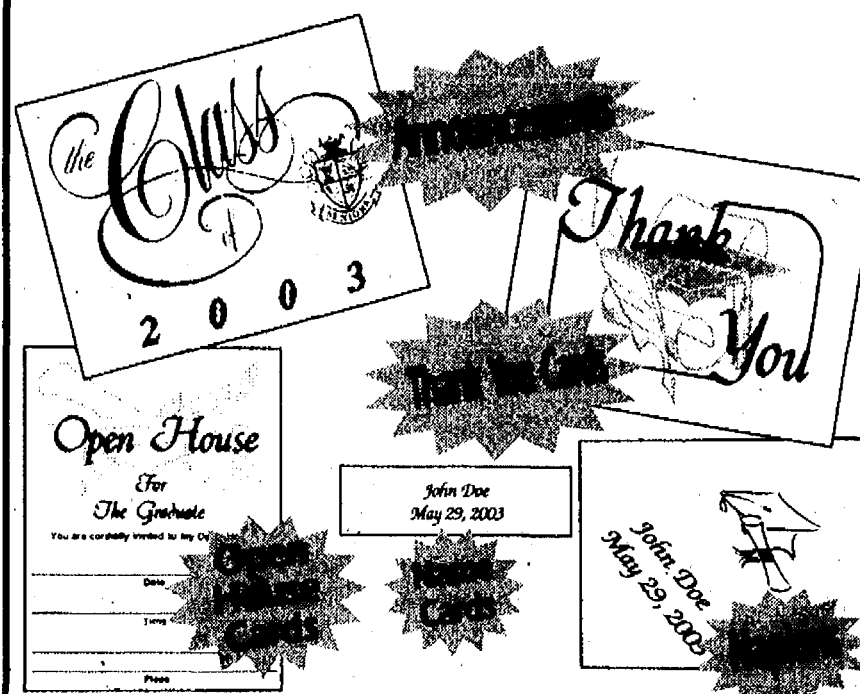
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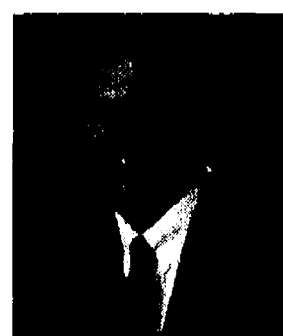
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